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CHARLES W. ALLEN, JOHN EDELSTEIN,

GEORGE W. PETERSON, JOHN KENNY,

GEORGE R. HILLIER.

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WILLIAM G. GERMAN, *Clerk.*

THOMAS C. McKEON, *Ass't. Clerk*

MINUTES.

1891-1892.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance, held in the City Hall, Wednesday, April 22, 1891, at noon, for the purpose of organizing.

Present—Messrs. Charles W. Allen, John Edelstein, John Kenny and George W. Peterson.

Absent—Mr. George R. Hillier.

The meeting was called to order by William G. German, who read the following communication from the City Clerk:—

JERSEY CITY, April 22, 1891.

W. G. German, Esq., Clerk Board of Finance:—

DEAR SIR—This is to certify that John Edelstein and George W. Peterson have this day appeared before me and I have administered to them the oath of office as members of the Board of Finance, as required by law. Yours respectfully,

JOHN E. SCOTT,
City Clerk.

On motion Mr. Peterson was appointed to act as President pro tempore.

On motion William G. German was appointed to act as Clerk pro tempore.

The Board then went into an election for permanent President

Mr. Allen nominated John Edelstein as permanent President. No other nominations were made.

Messrs. Kenny and Allen were appointed to act as tellers.

On motion of Mr. Kenny, Mr. Peterson was requested to cast a ballot for the Board.

The tellers announced that Mr. Edelstein had received the unanimous vote of the Board and he was duly declared elected President of the Board of Finance for the ensuing year.

In accepting the office President Edelstein said:—

"Gentlemen:—The renewed honor you have conferred upon me is one that I appreciate most highly, and my acceptance assures you of the best services I may be able to render. We have passed through a notable year, and no signs of public disapproval have been manifested against the city government. The record of the official year has seldom been equaled in Jersey City's history as regards the number of public improvements which have been completed or started. The much needed new City Hall is now assured, and our Board will have its part of the work to perform. The buildings of the Police Department are now in better shape than they have been in years. The new headquarters building has been finished, and several new precinct buildings have been completed or contracted for. Several new public school buildings are coming, and the older structures have received repairs costing over $23,000. Jersey City has been pledged to build a joint sewer with West Hoboken and two enormous main sewers to drain the westerly slope of the Heights are under contract. A large number of smaller sewers have also been constructed and miles of streets have been paved. The City's water works have been materially improved by the erection of a stand pipe at High Service, which assures the entire Hill district against the recurrence of water famines. Large sums have also been invested in extending the water mains and in replacing worn out pipes. The City Hospital has received needed improvements and other city institutions have received attention. In all these things the Board of Finance had to act and the results have met with public approval.

"But it was within the special sphere of our Board that still more telling work was accomplished. With the assistance of the Sinking Fund Commission a block of $400,000 maturing city bonds were provided for and absolutely wiped out. This was a grand achievement, but it became all the more prominent when it was backed up by the refunding of $2,055,000 bonds at a reduced rate of interest, and the establishment of sinking funds which will meet the entire amount as it matures twenty five years hence. The Commissioners of Adjustment have also done splendid work during the year. Twenty-nine reports were filed and resulted in the transformation of worthless arrears into tangible assets aggregating $1,403,227.71. The city has also been bedefitted to the extent of $233,342.01 by the work of the State Board of Assessors. All have been supplemented by the following figures, furnished by the Building Inspector, and giving a synopsis of the year's work in his office:—

District.	Improvements.	Value.
First	31	$115,740
Second	85	321,285
Third	43	262,250
Fourth	247	595,882

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Fifth	190	391,033
Sixth	327	922,854
Total	923	$2,609,044

"These figures represent an actual increase in valuations, and as the city's expenses will not be materially increased, carry with them a proportionate reduction of future tax rates.

"Gentlemen, such a record is one we may well be proud of, and one that reflects the highest credit upon the various departments of the city government and our honored Mayor, whose counsel and advice have contributed largely to the result. Our deceased coworker, Thomas E. Bray, performed his share of the duties of his office until he was called to his rest. His death was the first break in the new charter government, and while the city's interests were not allowed to suffer we felt his loss.

"But now we begin a new year, and meet its grave responsibilities, and make the most of its bright prospects. Let none of us falter, but all unite to do the best we can for the growing community we represent, and whose vital interests are intrusted to our care."

The Board then went into an election for Clerk.

Mr. Peterson nominated William G. German. No other nominations were made.

A ballot was had, and the tellers announced that William G. German had received the unanimous vote of the Board, and he was duly declared elected Clerk for the ensuing year.

On motion the Board then went into an election for Assistant Clerk.

Mr. Peterson nominated Thomas C. McKeon. No other nominations were made.

A ballot was had, and the tellers announced that Thomas C. McKeon had received the unanimous vote of the Board, and he was duly declared elected Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year.

President Edelstein announced the following standing committees:—

Finance—Messrs. Allen, Kenny and Hillier.

Concurrent Resolutions—Messrs. Peterson, Kenny and Allen.

Salaries and Claims—Messrs. Hillier, Allen and Kenny.

Printing, Stationery and Supplies—Messrs. Kenny, Peterson and Allen.

On motion of Mr. Allen the Board then adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance held in the City Hall, Saturday, April 25, 1891, at half past seven o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Kenny and Peterson.

Absent—Messrs. Allen and Hillier.

The call for the meeting, which was for the transaction of general business, was read by the Clerk.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Elijah S. Cowles and others for the cancellation of certain assessments on Culver avenue as paid, and requesting the return of duplicate payment of assessment.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

As City Treasurer, Jeremiah B. Cleveland, $100,000, with Patrick H. Hanley, Michael Mullery, Michael L. Desmond, Patrick J. Condon, Dennis McLaughlin, Thomas Harrington, Ferdinand Heintze and John M. Shannon as sureties.

As City Comptroller, George R. Hough, in $50,000, with Patrick J. Condon, Hugh Dugan, Charles Turner and William H. Ewald as sureties.

As Deputy City Comptroller, Charles S. Westervelt, in $50,000, with John H. Turner, Abram Post, Andrew McKnight, Gilbert Collins and Patrick O'Neill as sureties.

As City Collector, Patrick H. O'Neill, in $150,000, with Joseph Warren, P. H. Hanley, Horace H. Farrier, Abram Post, Martin Ward, Eugene Hartnett, Lewis Fischer and Michael Doyle as sureties.

As Tax Commissioner, John Prigge, Jr., in $20,000, with John Prigge, Sr., and Henry Rolfs as sureties.

As Fire Commissioner, James J. Donnelly, in $15,000, with Dennis McLaughlin and Hugh Dugan as sureties.

As Police Commissioner, Benjamin Van Keuren, in $15,000, with Philip E. Martin and John Craven as sureties.

As Street and Water Commissioners in sums of $10,000 each, as follows:—

William R. Cook, with James Hunt and Michael Farley as sureties.

Edward A. Dugan, with James Coyle and Dennis McLaughlin as sureties.

John F. Madden, with Dennis McLaughlin and Henry Lembeck as sureties.

Chas. J. Somers, with Joseph T. Kelly and Patrick Buckley as sureties.

Stephen P. Yoe, with John S. Edwards and Philip E. Martin as sureties.

As Clerk of the Second Police Court, Andrew J. Boyle, in $3,000, with Richard Gibbons and Luke Boyle as sureties.

As Constables in sums of $1,000 each as follows:—

Henry J. Powell, with Henry A. Gaede and Patrick Ryan as sureties.

Joseph Locke, with Ernest J. Leonard and John McCarty as sureties.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the following resolutions, and recommended their adoption:—

1. Ordering warrants drawn on the City Treasurer in payments of the regular monthly pay roll for the month of April, 1891, when due.

2. Ordering the drawing of warrants in favor of The Jersey City News, The Evening Journal, The Jersey City Herald and The New Jersey Staats Zeitung for $208.33 each for printing official minutes during the month of April, 1891, when due.

3. Ordering paid $30 to C. S. Westervelt for extra services in itemizing reports of Commissioners of Adjustment during the month of April, 1891, when due.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the report was received, and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Allan and Hillier.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims and recommended that warrants be ordered drawn in payment of the same:—

$275, The Jersey City News for advertising tax sale.

$275, The New Jersey Staats Zeitung for advertising tax sale.

$205 20, The Jersey City Herald for advertising tax sale.

The ayes and nays having been called for on each of the above resolutions the report was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:—

Ayes — President Edelstein, Messrs. Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Allen and Hillier.

The Committee on Finance reported the following official bonds and recommended that the same be approved, ordered spread upon the bond book and filed:—

As City Treasurer, Jeremiah B. Cleveland.

As City Comptroller, George R. Hough.

As Deputy City Comptroller, Charles S. Westervelt.

As City Collector, Patrick H. O'Neill.

As Tax Commissioner, John Prigge, Jr.

As Fire Commissioner, James J. Donnelly.

As Police Commissioner, Benjamin Van Keuren.

As Street and Water Commissioners, William R. Cook, Edward A. Dugan, John F. Madden, Charles J. Somers and Stephen P. Yoe.

As Clerk of the Second Police Court, Andrew J. Boyle.

As Constables, Henry J. Powell and Joseph Locke.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the report was received and the recommendations therein contained adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Allen and Hillier.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Kenny and carried:

Moved, That the rules of order of the previous Board of Finance be adopted for the government of this Board until further orders.

On motion of Mr. Peterson the Board then adjourned to meet Wednesday, April 29, 1891, at half past seven o'clock p. m.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance, held at the City Hall, Wednesday, April 29, 1891, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present at Roll Call—President Edelstein, Messrs. Kenny and Peterson.

Absent—Messrs. Allen and Hillier.

The call for the meeting, which was for the transaction of general business, was read by the Clerk.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Two peremptory writs of mandamus issued by the NewJersey Supreme Court in the suits of the Trustees of the Free Public Library of Jersey City against the Board of Finance with taxed bills of costs of $30.67 (first case) and $29.87 (second case) were received and referred to the Committee on Finance, as follows:

New Jersey, s. s., The State of New Jersey to the Board of Finance of Jersey City, greeting:

[L. S.]—Whereas, In our Supreme Court of Judicature, lately held before the Justices thereof at Trenton upon the relation of the Trustees of the Free Public Library of the city of Jersey City, we have been given to understand and been informed that an alternative writ of mandamus was issued out of this court on the eleventh day of November, eighteen hundred and ninety directed to and commanding the Board of Finance of Jersey City to appropriate, raise and pay to the said Trustees of the Free Public Library of the city of Jersey City the sum of $15,533.15, with interest and costs, which writ was returnable on the 7th day of February instant; and that said Board of Finance have not obeyed the command of said writ or cause thereof shown to the court; and the said the Trustees of the Free Public Library of the city of Jersey City have heretofore besought us in our Supreme Court, before the Justices thereof, to award them our writ of mandamus in this behalf, directed to you, commanding you to pay over to said Trustees the said sum of $15,533.15, with interest and costs of suit;

And our Supreme Court as aforesaid held at Trenton, before the Justices thereof, having lately, by the judgment of the same Court, considered, adjudged and ordered that a peremptory writ of mandamus should issue, directed to the Board of Finance of Jersey City, commanding the said Board of Finance to appropriate, raise and pay over to said Trustees of the Free Public Library of the city of Jersey City, the said sum of $15,533.15, with interest thereon from December 20, 1889, and costs of suit, as appears to us of record.

We, therefore, do command you that on or before January 1, 1892, you do pay or cause to be paid to the said, the Trustees of the Free Public Library of the city of Jersey City, the said sum of $15,533.15, with interest thereon from December 20, 1889, to date of payment, and costs of suit; and to provide for such payment, we command you to appropriate and raise, or cause to be appropriated and raised, said above-mentioned sums of money in the same manner as other city taxes are appropriated, levied and collected, by including the same in the tax levy or budget or list of appropriations next hereafter made up by you for said city.

Witness, Mercer Beasley, Esquire, Chief Justice of the said Supreme Court, at Trenton, this 18th day of February, 1891.

BENJAMIN F. LEE,
Clerk.

GEORGE L. RECORD,
Attorney.

New Jersey, s. s.. The State of New Jersey to the Board of Finance of Jersey City, greeting:—

[L. S.]—Whereas, in our Supreme Court of Judicature, lately held before the Justices thereof at Trenton upon the relation of the trustees of the Free Public Library of the city of Jersey City, we have been given to understand and been informed that an alternative writ of mandamus was issued out of this court on the eighteenth day of February, 1891, directed to and commanding the Board of Finance of Jersey City to appropriate, raise and pay to the said the Trustees of the Free Public Library of the city of Jersey City the sum of $16,315.48, with interest and costs, which writ was returnable on the 3d day of March instant, and that said Board of Finance have not obeyed the command of said writ or cause thereof shown to the court, and the said the Trustees of the Free Public Library of the city of Jersey City have heretofore besought us in our Supreme Court, before the Justices thereof, to award them our writ of mandamus in this behalf, directed to you, commanding you to pay over to said trustees the said sum of $16,315.48, with interest and costs of suit;

And our Supreme Court aforesaid, held at Trenton, before the Justices thereof, having lately, by the judgment of the same Court, considered, adjudged and ordered that a peremptory writ of mandamus should issue, directed to the Board of Finance of Jersey City, commanding the said Board of Finance to appropriate, raise and pay over to said trustees of the Free Public Library of the city of Jersey City the said sum of $16,315.48, with interest thereon from December 20, 1890, and costs of suit, as appears to us of record;

We, therefore, do command that on or before January 1st, 1892, you do appropriate, raise and pay, or cause to be appropriated, raised and paid, to the said the Trustees of the Free Public Library of the city of Jersey City the said sum of $16,315.48, with interest thereon from December 20th, 1890, to date of payment, and costs of suit; and to provide for such payment we command you to appropriate and raise, or cause to be appropriated and raised, said above mentioned sums of money in the same manner as other city taxes are appropriated, levied and collected, by including the same in the tax levy or budget or list of appropriations next hereafter made up by you for said city.

Witness, Mercer Beasley, Esquire, Chief Justice of the said Supreme Court at Trenton, the 3d day of March, 1891.

BENJAMIN F. LEE, Clerk.

GEO. L. RECORD, Attorney.

The following official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

As Deputy City Treasurer, George F. McAneny in $50,000, with Henry Lembeck, Reuben Simpson and Ferdinand Heintze as sureties.

As Constables, in sums of $1,000 each:—

Of Joseph Boland, with J. Augustus

Dakin and Carl H. Ruempler, as sureties.

Of William Hogan, with John Sheridan and Thomas Sheridan as sureties.

Of John H. Masker, with Joseph Warren and James F. Gannon, as sureties.

Of Walter M. Dickson, with Frank O. Cole and Robert Elliott, as sureties.

Of Peter H. Daly, with John A. Bell and David Harper as sureties.

Of Frederick P. Budden Jr., with Philip E. Martin and Philip J. Growney as sureties.

Of Frank Meyer, with Henry Windecker and Christian Wagenhals as sureties.

Of John Jelly, with Charles Turner and Frederick W. Payne, as sureties.

Of Enoch Ryno, with Ferdinand Heintze and Henry P. Simon, as sureties.

Communication from the Street and Water Commissioners announcing the organization of said Board, April 27, 1891.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting an appropriation of $10,000, to repair fire apparatus and to purchase equipments.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting an appropriation to pay salary of the Superintendent of the Fire Department for the remainder of the present fiscal year.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following communication from the City Collector was received and ordered filed:—

JERSEY CITY, April 27, 1891.

Honorable Board of Finance.

GENTLEMEN—This is to certify that at the tax sale held April 22, 1891, lot 126, block 282, sale No. 1,479, was sold to James O'Connor for $1,560.48 in error, the same having been paid by owner before the sale. The said amount should be returned to said O'Connor on surrender of the receipt given him.

Yours respectfully,
P. H. O'NEILL,
City Collector.

Communication from the Board of Tax Commissioners requesting the cancellation of assessments for 1888, on lots 45, 47, 49, 51, 53 and 55, block 603, Union street, the same being used for public school purposes.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the Board of Tax Commissioners requesting the cancellation of duplicate assessment on lot pt. 1, block 1,422, for 1887 and 1889.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners requesting the setting aside of $10,000 from special license account to form fund for repairing sidewalks, etc.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Authorizing the improvement of Sherman avenue, from Hutton to Griffith streets.

2. Awarding contract to Charles O'Neill for the improvement of Pearsall avenue, from Old Bergen road to Avenue E.

3. Awarding contract to Michael Mullery for the construction of sewers in Ocean avenue, from Sea View avenue to a point 100 feet south of Gates avenue and in Gates avenue to Garfield avenue.

4. Awarding contract to Patrick Ryan for the improvement of Forest street, from Ocean to Jackson avenues.

5. Awarding contract to Michael Curley for the improvement of Vroom street from Summit avenue to Gray street.

6. Awarding damages for the opening of Neptune avenue from Bergen avenue to Ocean avenue.

7. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:—

Assessments and Extensions—Water Registrar, etc., April, 1891	$2,360 03
Assessments and Extensions—Superintendent, etc,, April, 1891	926 66
Assessments and Extensions—Reassesing, April, 1891	487 50
Assessments and Extensions—Labor on meters, April, 1891	460 00

8. Ordering paid certain claims.

Mr. Allen appeared at this point and took his seat.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported the following official bonds and recommended that the same be approved ordered spread upon the bond book and filed.

As Deputy City Treasurer—George F. McAneny.

As Constables—John Jelly, Frank Meyer, Frederick P. Budden, Jr., Peter H. Daly, Walter M. Dickson, John H. Masker William Hogan, Joseph Boland and Enoch Ryno.

The ayes and nays having been called the report was received and the recommendations therein contained adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Hillier.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and recommended that the same be concurred in:—

1. Ordering paid the following Pay Rolls:—

Assessments and Extensions, Water Register, etc., April, 1891, $2,360.03.

Assessments and Extensions, Superintendent, etc., April, 1891, $926.66.

Assessments and Extensions, labor on meters, April, 1891, $460.

Assessments and Extensions, reassessing, April, 1891, $487.50.

2. Awarding contract to Michael Mullery for sewer in Ocean avenue from Sea View avenue to a point 100 feet south of Gates avenue and in Gates avenue to Garfield avenue.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the report was received and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Hillier.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery

and Supplies reported the following claims and recommended that warrants be ordered drawn in payment of the same:—

$29.97, the American District Telegraph Company, messenger service, Board of Finance, March, 1891.

$61, George W. Cassedy, taking testimony in Snake Hill purchase case.

$86.46, W. D. Edwards, incidental disbursements, Snake Hill purchase case.

$169.50, R. Lightfoot, stenographic work, Snake Hill purchase case.

$45, Frank H. Earle, maps and survey, Snake Hill purchase case.

$84, Evening Journal Association, advertising for proposals for bonds.

$66, The Jersey City News, advertising for proposals for bonds.

$6.50, The Jersey City Herald, advertising for proposals for bonds.

$22.60, Michael Gavin, repairs, Mayor's office.

$142.50, F. Heppenheimer's Sons, lithographing.

$25, F. Heppenheimer's Sons, lithographing.

$8.25, J. W. Harrison, stationery for Sinking Fund Commission.

$33.90, J. W. Harrison, stationery for City Treasurer and Collector.

$38, Jersey City News, printing manuals.

$150, Jersey City News, printing reports of Comptroller and Sinking Fund Commission.

$12, Jersey City News, printing blanks for Collector of Arrears.

$10, H. C. Kelsey, certified copies of laws.

$8.50, H. C. Kelsey, certified copies of laws.

$2.75, F. D. Linn & Co., law book.

$18.20, C. Mootz, locksmith work.

$11.95, N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., tolls, etc., Board of Finance, to March 1, 1891.

$8, N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., tolls, etc., Mayor's office, to March 1, 1891.

$3.15, N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., tolls, etc., Collector's office, to March 1, 1891.

$44.10, United Gas Improvement Co., gas, City Hall, March, 1891.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the report was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Hillier.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow in the name of the city the sum of $369,000 from the Provident Institution for Savings in Jersey City; the sum of $300,000 from the Hudson County National Bank; the sum of $400,000 from the Second National Bank and the sum of $400,000 from the First National Bank on temporary loan bonds payable ten days from date with interest at the rate of not exceeding five (5) per cent per annum; the proceeds from said loans to be used for the payment of seven per cent. assessment bonds of the city falling due on the first day of May next; and be it further

Resolved, That the proceeds from the sale of assessment bonds authorized to be issued under the act of June 9, 1890, by resolution of this Board of March 26, 1891, shall be applied to the payment of the loans hereby authorized to be made.

By Mr. Peterson:—

Resolved, That the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be requested to furnish this Board with detailed statements of all the bids received upon all proposals for public improvements, together with an approximate estimate from the Engineering Bureau of the probable cost of each improvement and all other data at their disposal in each instance, it being understood that this Board in future will decline to concur in any resolution for public improvements unless accompanied by such figures, and the clerk of this Board is hereby directed to decline to receive any resolutions for public improvements unless drawn in accordance with the above request.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be requested to transfer the sum of $2.510.08 from the appropriation of Printing Official Minutes to the credit of appropriation for Printing, Stationery and Supplies, Board of Finance, 1890–1891.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That this Board concurs in the appointment by James N. Braden, Clerk of the (First) District Court of Jersey City of Peter N. Wedin as Assistant Clerk to said Court at a salary of $50 per month, to be paid by this Board out of the fees received by said District Court when deposited in the City Treasury.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That in the payment of the city bonds falling due on the first day of May next, the City Treasurer is hereby requested to direct the requisitions for such payments in favor of the persons entitled thereto each day so far as possible upon the funds deposited and to be deposited with the First, Second and Hudson County National Banks for the redemption of said bonds in proportion to the amounts temporarily loaned by said banks for the redemption of said bonds.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of James O'Connor for the sum of $1,560.48, paid by him on April 22, 1891, upon sale by the City Collector of lot 126, block 282 (sale No. 1479), made in error, the amount of city liens thereon as adjusted having been paid to the City Collector; said warrant to be delivered upon the surrender of the receipt given by the City Collector to such purchaser.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Whereas, It appears from the petition of Elijah S. Cowles and others that on March 12, 1872, Isaac B. Culver paid to John Taylor, Treasurer of the Street Commissioners of Greenville, the sum of $6,357.13 in full for principal and interest for the assessment for the improvement of Culver avenue from West Side avenue to the Morris Canal, confirmed October 13, 1871, upon lots 1 to 4, inclusive in block 9, now 1,296, lots 5 to 29 inclusive, and lots 36 to 39 inclusive in block 4, now 1,297, for which payment they produce the receipt of said Treasurer, and

Whereas, Through inadvertence such assessment appears on the books of the City Collector as unpaid, and

Whereas, On March 1, 1889, William D. Edwards being then the owner of lots 15 to 26 in block 1,297, paid to the City Collector the sum of $600 for the assessment

upon said lots for said improvement as adjusted by the Commissioners of Adjustment, which was a duplicate payment thereof upon said lots, and

Whereas, On November 27, A. D., 1888, John J. Mahn being then the owner of lot 27 in block 1,297, paid to the City Collector the sum of $50 for the assessment upon said lot for said improvement, as adjusted by the Commissioners of Adjustment, which was a duplicate payment thereof upon said lot.

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby directed to cancel on his books the lien of the assessment for the improvement of Culver avenue, from West Side avenue to the Morris Canal, confirmed October 13, 1871. upon lots 1 to 4 inclusive, in block 9, now 1,296, and lots 5 to 29 inclusive, and lots 36 to 39 inclusive, in block 4, now 1,297, and to enter the same as paid by Isaac B. Culver on March 12, 1872.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William D. Edwards for $600 out of the money collected for assessments under the so-called Martin Act, being the amount of assessment paid by said Edwards to the City Collector on March 1, 1889, for said improvement of Culver avenue, from West Side avenue to the Morris Canal, confirmed October 13, 1871, as adjusted by the Commissioners of Adjustment, on lots 15 to 26 inclusive, in block 1,297, owned by said Edwards, the same being a duplicate payment made in error

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of John J. Mahn, for $50, out of the moneys collected for assessments as aforesaid, being the amount of assessment paid by said Mahn to the City Collector on November 27, 1888, for said improvement of Culver avenue, from West Side avenue to the Morris Canal, confirmed October 13, 1871. as adjusted by the Commissioners of Adjustment, on lot 27, in block 1,297, owned by said Mahn, the same being a duplicate payment made in error.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Hillier.

By Mr. Allen and carried:

Moved, That hereafter no claims, except for salaries, be audited by this Board at the same meeting such claims are first presented.

Mr. Kenny gave notice, verbally, that as Chairman of the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, he would in future decline to approve any claims for payment for work done, or materials furnished, unless the same shall have been directly ordered by a member of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Kenny the Board then adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance held in the City Hall Wednesday, May 13, 1891, at half-past seven o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

The call which was the transaction of general business was read by the clerk.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of John M. Calvert by Collins & Corbin, attorneys, of $17.25 judgment in case of John M. Calvert vs. the City.

Claim of the International Bank Note Company of $2,205.35; engraving city bonds.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance.

Claim of Jersey City Publishing Company of $198.70; printing law brief.

Claim of American District Telegraph Company of $31.05; service Board of Finance, April, 1891.

Claim of P. H. Hanley of $15; repairing chairs.

Claim of W. Courain of $150.38; repairing roof City Hall.

Claim of W. Courain of $51.17; taking down stoves City Hall.

Claim of Jersey City News of $40; printing manuals.

Claim of H. F. Jones of $54.55; repairing City Hall.

Claim of H. C McCurtin of $34; taking acknowledgements under Martin act.

Received and referred to Committe on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From P. W. Levering as Clerk of District Court requesting appropriation to pay balance of salary.

From the City Clerk requesting an appropriation to pay license expenses.

From the Board of Aldermen requesting an appropriation for District Court rentals, etc.

From the Board of Police Commissioners requesting appropriations to pay salaries, purchase stationery and to fit up Police Court.

The above were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the City Collector acknowledging the receipt of Report No. 69, Commissioners of Adjustment.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Collector of Arrears of Personal Taxes reporting the collection during 1890 91 of $1,867.71.

Received and ordered filed.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Awarding contract to R. D. Wood & Co. for 1,050 lengths of cast iron water pipe.

2. Authorizing the opening and extension of Avenue E from Gates avenue to the Morris Canal.

3. Authorizing the improvement of North street by grading, curbing and flagging from Central to Durham avenues.

4. Two resoluions ordering paid certain claims.

5. Ordering paid $125 to George C. Phillips for services as chemist for six months ending April 30, 1891.

6. Ordering paid $100 to Michael Kelly for services as foreman, repairs to water gates, April, 1891.

7. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:—

Laying water pipe, April, 1891...	$2,964 00
Repairs at High Service, April, 1891..........................	191 00
Repaving over pipe, April, 1891.	337 50
Repaving over water pipe, April, 1891......................	2,331 25
Belleville and High Service, April, 1891......................	5,378 74

The following officials' bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

John E. Scott as City Clerk, with Henry Traphagen and William Clarke as sureties in the sum of $25,000.

John McGovern as constable with Edward Henry and James O'Connor as surities in the sum of $1,000.

Michael H. Purcell as constable with John Nolan and Hugh Dugan as surities in the sum of $1,000.

Daniel S. Coffey, Jr., as constable with Michael V. Murphy and Daniel Coffey as sureties in the sum of $1,000.

Richard Garrick as constable with John Garrick and Henry Puster as surities in the sum of $1,000.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported the official bonds of John E. Scott as City Clerk, and John McGovern, Michael H. Purcell, Daniel S. Coffey, Jr., Richard Garrick as constables, and recommended that they be approved and entered in full on the bond book.

The ayes and nays having been called, the report was received, and the bonds approved by the following votes:—

Ayes—All the members.

Nays—None.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and recommended that the same be concurred in.

1. Ordering paid $100 to Michael Kelly for services as foreman. Repairs to water gates, April, 1891.

2. Authorizing the improvement of North street from Durham to Central avenues.

3. Authorizing the opening and extension of Avenue E from Gates avenue to the Morris Canal.

4. Ordering paid $125 to George C. Phillips for services as chemist for six months to April 30, 1891.

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—All the members.

Nays—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:—

$31.51, A. D. Tel. Co. service Board of Finance, April, 1891.

$15, P. H. Hanley, repairing chairs.

$150.38, Michael Courain, repairing City Hall roof.

$51.17, Michael Courain, taking down stoves, etc.

$40, Jersey City News, printing manuals.

$54.55, H. F. Jones, repairs to City Hall.

$34, H. C. McCartin, taking acknowledgments under Martin act.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, the claims were ordered paid by the following vote:—

Ayes—All the members.

Nays—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Edelstein:—

Resolved, That the bond of Henry H. Holmes, with Thomas Harrington and Thomas Cogan as trustees, in his contract for sidewalks on Montgomery street from Bergen avenue to West Side avenue, and the bond of Michael Mullery, with Daniel Keegan and John Daly as sureties, in his contract for a sewer in Ocean avenue from Seaview avenue be and they are hereby approved as to the sufficiency of sureties.

By Mr. Hillier.

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on tho City Treasurer in favor of John Edelstein, Chas. W. Allen, Geo. R. Hillier, John Kenny and Geo. W. Peterson for $125 each, as salaries as members of the Board of Finance to April 30, 1891.

By Mr. Allen.

Resolved, That this Board sanction an expenditure of not exceeding $1,000 for the purpose of making provision to meet costs of advertising and printing and stationery needed in the issuing of licenses and that the comptroller be authorized to open a special account for said purpose against which claims of the Board of Aldermen for said purpose may be charged.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow on a temporary loan bond the sum of $1,000, payable December 1, 1891, with interest at the rate of not exceeding 5 per cent per annum to cover cost of printing and stationery needed in issuing licenses and that the said amount be placed in the next tax levy in accordance with section 132 of an act entitled, "An act to reorganize the local government of Jersey City." passed March 31, 1871.

Resolved, That the resolution passed February 25, 1891, directing that the cost of issuing licenses shall be first paid out of license moneys be rescinded for the reason that such proceeding is impracticable and of doubtful legality.

By Mr. Allen.

Resolved, That in accordance with the provision an act entitled, "An Act relating to compensation of the City Clerk of any city in this State," approved April 16, 1891, the sum of $1,250 be credited to the salary appropriation, Board of Aldermen, to pay the increase of salary to City Clerk November 30, 1891.

Resolved, That in order to provide funds for said appropriation, the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow said amount upon temporary bonds to bear not exceeding five per cent. per annum interest, and to be provided for in the tax levy next hereafter to be made.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That the various city boards be requested to furnish this Board with their estimates for appopriations to be required during the coming fiscal year by not later than June 15, 1891.

By Mr. Peterson:—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be directed to provide for and pay the salaries of the Superintendents of the Police and Fire Departments out of the salary accounts of said departments respectively until this Board shall borrow the money required to pay such salaries for the balance of the present fiscal year, as provided by law.

By Mr. Peterson:—

Whereas, by an act entitled, "An Act concerning cities of the first class in this State, and concerning police courts in such cities, providing for the appointment of police justices of such courts, and defining the jurisdiction, powers and duties of such police justices, and abolishing all other police courts and police justices in such cities," an extra police justice for Jersey City was provided for; and

Whereas, By said act the Board of Police Commissioners is required to provide suitable room for the transaction of business of such police courts and suitable furniture therefor, and whereas said Board of Police Commissioners has provided the requisite court rooms for said police justices appointed under said act but have no money or appropriation applicable for the purpose of procuring suitable furniture for the purpese of furnishing the new Fourth Precinct Station House and Police Justices court room where one of said Police Justices is to sit, and

Whereas, Said Board of Police Commissioners have requested this Board to make provisions for the furnishing of said new Fourth Precinct Station House and Police Justices' Court Room to the amount of three thousand dollars; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance of this Board be authorized to borrow said sum of three thousand dollars on temporary loan bonds at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent per annum, and that the same be inserted in next year's tax levy for the purpose of meeting such requisition of said Police Board.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer to transfer from adjusted lien account. Collections made March 31 to April 30, 1891, as follows:—

To water account $1,541 82, adjusted water rents.

To assessment account, $7,569.62, adjusted assessments.

To general account, $1,514.93, adjusted taxes, 1890.

To general account, $3,378.94, adjusted taxes, 1886.

To general account, $3,829.03, adjusted taxes, 1888.

To general account $314 50, tax sale advertising fees.

To tax arrearage fund $40,614.51, adjusted taxes 1875 to 1887.

To tax average fund $1,717.33, interest on adjusted taxes, etc.

To fund 1873 $2,312.41, adjusted taxes 1872 and previous years.

To fund 1873 $3,325.03, adjusted taxes 1873 and 1874.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That the Board of Street and Water Commissioners report to this Board the amount of moneys heretofore expended for the lands and buildings for Police Headquarters, Fourth precinct station house, Second precinct station house and Fifth precinct station house, with the items for each payment, and also all unpaid bills in their hands or presented for such purposes and extra work connected therewith to the end that this Board may make provision for the completion of said works within the limit fixed by law.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of an act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, entitled "An act concerning cities," approved April 21, 1876, and the supplement thereto approved March 9, 1877, and also an act of the Legislature entitled "An act relating to the issue of temporary loan bonds in cities of this State," approved April 21, 1884, this Board issue $275,000 of tax arrearage bonds in anticipation of the collection of taxes of Jersey City for the year 1889, said bonds to be issued in the name of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, and countersigned by the City Comptroller.

Resolved, That said tax arrearage bonds shall be due and payable four years from their date, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of July and January.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of an act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, entitled "An act Concerning Cities," approved April 21, 1876, and supplement thereto approved March 9, 1877, and also an act of the Legislature entitled "An act relating to the issue of temporary loan bonds in cities of this State," approved April 21, 1884, this Board issue $350,000 of tax arrearage bonds of Jersey City for the year 1888, said bonds to be issued in the name of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, and countersigned by the City Comptroller.

Resolved, That said tax arrearage bonds shall be due and payable three years from this date, with interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first days of July and January.

By Mr. Allen:—

Whereas, Section 1 of an act of the Legislature of this State entitled "An act to authorize cities to issue bonds for the funding of water debts and to provide for their payment," approved April 17, 1891, provides "That whenever in any city of this State owning and controlling water works for the supply of the inhabitants therof, the Board having control of such water works shall have heretofore expended a part of the income derived by way of water rents in the extension of water mains and the construction of permanent improvements in connection with such water works, so that the income derived from such water works shall have proved insufficient to meet all expenditures made by said Board and said deficiency shall have been met by temporary loans made to said water department, it shall be lawful for the Board having charge and control of the finances of such city to fund such temporary indebtedness of any part thereof by the issuing of water bonds of said city to take the same to an amount not exceeding three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and

Whereas, the income derived from the water works of this city have proved insufficient to meet all expenditures made by the Board having charge of said water works to the amount of $414,000 and said deficiency has been met by temporary loan bonds, and

Whereas, a part of the income derived by this city by way of water rents was used for the extension of water mains and the construction of permanent improvements, and

Whereas, this Board desires to fund a portion of said $414,000 of temporary loans by the issuing of water bonds in accordance with the provisions of an act of the Legislature of this State entitled, "an act to authorize cities to issue bonds for the funding of water debts and to provide for their payment" approved, April 17, 1891, therefore

Resolved, That this Board issue $350,000 of Funded Debt Water Bonds to be issued in the name of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk of Jersey City and countersigned by the Registrar of the water works,

Resolved, That said bonds shall be dated June 1, 1891, payable in thirty years from that date with interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum payable semiannually on the first days of December and June.

Resolved, That said bonds hereby authorized to be issued under the said act of April 17, 1891, shall be coupon bonds of the denomination of $1,000 each (and said coupon bonds may be exchanged for registered bonds at the option of the holders), and shall be sold by the Board of Finance at public sale for the best price that can be obtained therefor, but at not less than their par value and accrued interest.

Resolved, That a Sinking Fund be and the same is hereby established, to pay off the principal of the $350,000 of said water bonds, hereby authorized to be issued under said act of April 17, 1891, and by section 2 of said act the Board having the charge and control of the Water Works shall pay annually in the month of July in each year, out of the income derived from such water supply, the sum of $7,000 into said fund for the period of thirty years.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby directed to advertise in the Evening Journal and in the Jersey City News in Jersey City, for proposals for $350,000 of water bonds, directed to be issued at this meeting (April 13, 1891); said amendments to be inserted in the papers named for a period of five days in form as hereto annexed, and that the City Comptroller be and is hereby directed to procure 100 slips of said advertisement, and mail the same to Banks, Brokers and others.

Jersey City Water Bonds, $350,000 5 per cents.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Finance of Jersey City, at their meeting to be held in the City Hall, on Wednesday, May 27, 1891, at two thirty o'clock p. m., when they will be publicly opened for the whole or any part of $350,000 5 per cent. water bonds.

Said bonds to be issued in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled "An act to authorize cities to issue bonds for the funding of water debts and to provide for their payment," approved April 17, 1891. The principal of said bonds is payable June 1, 1921, and the interest is payable semi-annually on the first day of December and June in each year.

By resolution of the Board of Finance of Jersey City, May 13, 1891, a sinking

fund was created to pay off the principal of said bonds when due.

Proposals should be enclosed in a sealed envelope, and endorsed "Proposals for bonds of Jersey City," and handed to the Clerk of the Board in open meeting, when called for at said meeting, to be held May 27, 1891, at two thirty o'clock p. m., in the City Hall.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, if deemed, for the best interest of Jersey City.

Delivery of the bonds will be made at the office of the City Treasurer, City Hall, Jersey City, on Wednesday, June 10, 1891.

By order of the Board of Finance.

WILLIAM G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Jersey City, May 16, 1891.

The ayes and nayes having been called each of the above resolutions was adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—All the members.

Nays—None.

By Mr. Allen and carried:—

Moved that hereafter the regular meetings of this Board shall be held on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at eight o'clock p. m.

On motion of Mr. Kenny the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance, held at the City Hall, Tuesday, May 19, 1891, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Thomas Gettings for the return of duplicate payment of water rents.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Collins & Corbin, attorneys for John Calvert, of $17.25 judgment and costs.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $22 for printing manuals.

Claim of the United Gas Improvement Company of $40.80 for gas, City Hall, April, 1891.

The above were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bond of John Graham, as Constable, in $1,000, with Horace H. Farrier and Henry E. Nied as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners inviting the Board of Finance to inspect the water works, Thursday, May 21, 1891.

Received and referred to President Edelstein with power.

The following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Authorizing the construction of a main sewer in West Side avenue, etc., to the Hackensack River.

2. Two (2) resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the following resolutions and recommended their adoption:—

1. Ordering the drawing of warrants in payment of salaries of the regular pay roll for the month of May, 1891, when due.

2. Ordering paid $208.33 each to the Jersey City News, Evening Journal, Jersey City Herald and New Jersey Staats Zeitung for printing official minutes during the month of May, 1891, when due.

3. Ordering paid $30 to C. S. Westervelt for extra services in itemizing reports of Commissioners of Adjustment during the month of May, 1891, when due.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports were received and the recommendations therein contained adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolution reported the following resolution of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and reccommended that the same be concurred in:—

1. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report was received and the resolution concurred in by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

The Committee on Finance reported the official bond of John Graham as Constable and recommended that the same be approved, ordered spread upon the bond book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

The same committee also reported the following claim and recommended that a warrant be ordered drawn in payment of the same:—

$5,205 03, the International Bank Note Compnny, for engraving city bonds, etc.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was received and the claim ordered paid by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims and recommended that warrants be ordered drawn in payment of the same:—

$22, the Jersey City News, printing manuals,

$1.50, H. C. Kelsey, certified copy of chapter 263 of the laws of 1891.

$60, Frank McDermott, ice, to May 1, 1891.

$40 80, the United Gas Imprpvement Company, gas, City Hall, April 1891.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the report was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Peterson:—

Resolved, That the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, the Chief Engineer and the engineer in charge of Belleville be requested to meet with this Board at the City Hall on Wednesday, May 27, at 3:30 p. m., relative to the payrolls for the Water Department now pending before this Board for concurrence to the end that such expenditures may be revised and if possible reduced, and also for conference on other city matters connected with said Board.

By Mr. Hillier:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Jacob Ringle, James G. Hasking and Alva A. Bedell, for $125 each for salaries as Sinking Fund Commissioners to May 31, 1891.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and they are hereby authorized to borrow in the name of the city the sum of $60,000 on temporary loan bonds payable on demand with interest at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum, said loans being made in anticipation of the sale of water bonds advertised to be sold May 27, 1891, and to be delivered June 10, 1891.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $40,000 to transfer that amount from water account to general account to return part of loan.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $1,500 on account of county taxes of 1890.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, as follows, to be deposited to the credit of June, 1891, interest:—

On general account	$13,500
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds	42,000
On water account	8,680
Total	$64,180

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Thomas Gettings for $8.29 to return amount of duplicate payment of water rents for 1890 on lot W, block 314, No. 271 Third street, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Collins & Corbin, attorneys for John N. Calvert for $17.25, being amount of judgment and costs recovered before the District Court, May 8, 1891, in a suit wherein the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City were defendants.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to cancel the record of taxes for 1888 against lots 45, 47, 49, 51, 53 and 55, block 603 Union street, as said lots are owned by the city, and used for Public School No. 14.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Minnie Tauber for $33.72, for amount of surplus realized upon the tax sale on October 10, 1890, of lot part 8, block 915, Nelson avenue, over and above the sum as adjusted due the city, with interest, costs and disbursements.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

By Mr. Allen, and carried:—

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Wednesday, May 27, 1891, at 2 o'clock p. m.

On motion of Mr. Hillier the Board adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance, held at the City Hall, Wednesday, May 27, 1891, at 2.30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson

Absent—None.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board directed the Clerk to call for sealed proposals for water bonds in accordance with the resolution adopted April 13, 1891.

The following proposals were received and referred to the Committee of the Whole:—

NEW YORK, May 27, 1891.

Board of Finance,
Jersey City, N. J.

DEAR SIRS:—We hereby bid $101.06 and accrued interest for the $350,000 Jersey City 5 per cent water bonds, payable June 1, 1921 ($353,710 and accrued interest from June 1 to date of delivery for the lot).

Yours truly,
WORDEN & FANSHAW.

NEW YORK, May 27, 1891.

Hon. Board of Finance,
Jersey City, N. J.

GENTLEMEN:—We will take the $350,000 Jersey City 5 per cent water bonds as per your advertisement, at 101¼ and accrued interest. This lot is for the entire amount, not for any portion thereof.

Yours truly,
WILLIAM CLARKE & SONS.

NEW YORK, May 27, 1891.

W. G. German, Esq.,
Clerk of the Board of Finance,
Jersey City, N. J.

DEAR SIR:—Referring to your advertisement of May 16, offering $350,000 five per cent. water bonds of your city, we now offer to take the whole of the same at 102.13 and accrued interest.

Awaiting the favor of your reply, we are

Yours, very truly,
VERMILYE & CO.

On motion of Mr. Allen a recess was then ordered.

The Board reassembled at 3:25 o'clock p. m., all the members being present.

On motion the privilege of the floor was granted to Major Z. K. Pangborn and President John P. Feeney of the Board of Police Commissioners, who addressed the Board in reference to the sanitary condition of the Third Precinct Police Station, Oakland avenue.

On motion the subject matter was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Mr. Hillier the Board then took a recess.

The Board reassembled at 5:40 o'clock p. m., all the members being present.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of R. J. Smith for return of duplicate payment of taxes.

Petition of William F. Taylor for return of taxes paid in error.

Petition of Charles H. Caufield for return of taxes paid in error.

The above were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from James L. Manning, attorney, in reference to certain claims against the city incurred by the former Board of Public Works in 1882.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of De Haan & Co. of $18 for stationery, Mayor's office.

Claim of De Haan & Co. of $72 for stationery for Board of Finance.

Claim of the Evening Journal Association of $275 for advertising tax sales.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $4.20 for advertising sale of water bonds.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $21.50 for printing manuals, etc.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $9.45 for advertising tax sale notice.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $99.50 for printing law case.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $22.50 for advertising sale of water bonds.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $22 for printing manuals.

Claim of Regan & Higgins of $14.76 for cleaning carpets, etc.

Claim of C. W. Wenner & Co., of $7 for stationery for Corporation Counsel.

The above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Board of Aldermen. requesting appropriations to meet the expenses of elections.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the Board of Police Commissioners, concerning the condition of the Oakland avenue police station.

Received and ordered filed.

Official bond of Joseph Farmer, as Assistant Water Registrar, in $10,000, with Hugh Dugan and James Roche as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Ordering paid the following payrolls:—

Assessments and Extensions—Water Registrar, etc., May, 1891, $2,376.66.

Assessments and Extensions—Reassessing, May, 1891, $562.50.

Assessments and Extensions—Superintendent, etc., May, 1891, $926.66.

Assessments and Extensions—Distributing water bills, May, 1891, $468.75.

2. Two (2) resolutions requesting the Board of Finance to fix amounts of official bonds.

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported the official bond of Joseph Farmer, as Assistant Water Registrar, and recommended that the same be approved, ordered spread in full upon the bond book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the recommendations therein contained adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and recommended that the same be concurred in:—

1. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:—

Pumping and Reservoirs—Belleville and High Service, April, 1891, $5,378.74.

Pumping and reservoirs—Repairs at High Service, April, 1891, $190.

Assessments and Extensions—Repaving ever pipe, April, 1891, $337.50.

Assessments and Extensions—Laying water pipe, April, 1891, $2,964.

Assessments and Extensions—Repairing water pipe, April, 1891, $2,336.25

Assessments and Extensions—Reassessing, May, 1891, $562 50.

Assessments and Extensions—Superintendent, etc., May, 1891, $926.66.

Assessments and Extensions—Water Registrar, etc., May, 1891, $2,376.66.

Assessments and Extensions—Distributing water bills, May, 1891, $468,75.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Paterson.

Nays—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Peterson:—

Resolved, That the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be requested to inform the Board whether any contractors for public improvements are permitted, by the terms of their respective contracts, to lay or relay street pavements upon cinders, clay, debris or any other material other than clear, sharp sand, and whether any other material than proper sand has been used for said purpose as charged by complaints made individually to members of this Board.

By Mr. Peterson:—

Resolved, That hereafter this Board will not concur in, or make any provision for the payment of any claim or obligation incurred by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for men employed, or merchandise, or material purchased by said Board of Street and Water Commissioners for the Water Department of the city, unless the employment of such men, and the rate of compensation to be paid; and the nature and quality of such merchandise or materials and the price thereof, is first submitted to this Board for its approval.

By Mr. Peterson:—

Resolved, That on and after this date all bills presented to this Board for concurrence shall be made in detail, stating by whom ordered, the date, and for what place and purpose, noting the quantity, quality, and price; the amount of labor performed, with rates, etc.; it being understood that this Board will in future decline to receive any claims for concurrence unless the same be drawn in accordance with the terms of this resolution.

By Mr. Peterson:—

Resolved, That this Board will not hereafter concur in any contract for any public improvement unless the inspector appointed to superintend such improvement is a practical man and competent to perform the duties of said inspector on such improvement; the name of such inspector to be sent to this Board with the resolution requesting the Board's concurrence in such contract.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That the bonds given by Dennis Byrnes, with James Coyle and Robert Muirhead as sureties, to secure the faithful performance of his contract for the improvement of Whiton street from Communipaw avenue to Maple street, be and are hereby approved as to sufficiency by the Board of Finance.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Whereas, The following are the yearly fixed charges against the water account of this city, to wit:—

Interest on water debt	$314,210
Amount due the sinking fund for the redemption of bonds	21,000
Balance of loan due the general account	24,000
Total	$359,210

And whereas, under the provisions of Chapter 263 of the Laws of 1891 the Board of Street and Water Commissioners are required to lay aside and devote each year a sum sufficient to pay the interest upon all water bonds issued by the city before making or incurring any obligation on behalf of the city against the water account, and are also required to pay to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in the month of July in each year the sum of $21,000 for the redemption of water bonds.

Resolved, that the Clerk of this Board be directed to forward a copy of said law to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, the Water Registar and the City Treasurer to the end that its provisions may be observed; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be directed not to disburse any money belonging to said Water Department under any authority until the Board of Street and Water Commissioners shall have provided for the payment of such interest and Sinking Fund.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William F. Taylor for $52.50, the amount of duplicate payment of taxes on lots 65, 66, 67 and 68, block 531, for the years 1883 to 1889 inclusive as adjusted.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of R. J. Smith for $19.23 to return amount of duplicate payment of taxes of 1890 on lot No. 5 and 6, block 389, Monmouth street.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Frank J. Mathews for $179.16, for amount of surplus realized upon the tax sale on April 2, 1890, of lots 14 to 16, block 261, Eighteenth street, over and above the sum as adjusted due the city, with interest, cost and disbursement.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That the bid of Vermilye & Co., this day received at the rate of 102.13 with accrued interest for the whole issue of $350,000 five per cent Water Bonds, directed to be issued by this Board on May 13, 1891, be and the same is hereby accepted, and be it further

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be authorized to deliver said bonds under the direction of the Committee on Finance of this Board upon the payment

to the City Treasurer of the amount bid therefor as aforesaid and that said Committee on Finance notify said Vermilye & Co. when said bonds will be ready for delivery at the office of the City Treasurer.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That the amount of bonds to be given by the following officials to assure the faithful performance of their respective duties be fixed as follows:—

Chief Engineer	$25,000
Assistant Chief Engineer	10,000
Surveyor	10,000
Assistant Surveyor	5,000
Water Registrar	50,000
Assistant Water Registrar	10,000
Permit Clerk	5,000

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That in accordance with Section 33 of a supplement of an act entitled "An act to reorganize the local government of Jersey City," approved March 24, 1873, a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for $1,200, to transfer that amount from Assessment Account to General Account, to be credited to the appropriation for Engineering Bureau, Board of Street and Water Commissioners, 1890-1891, the same being the amount for services rendered by said Bureau and included in the expense for the following improvements.—

Duncan avenue sewer, West Side avenue to Salt Meadow	$1,000
Jones street improvement, Sip avenue to Newkirk street	200
Total	$1,200

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Isaac Romaine, Master in Chancery, for $2,026.44, for amount of surplus realized upon the tax sale on May 21, 1890, of lot 61, block 70, Washington street, over and above the same as adjusted due the city with interest, cost and disbursement.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to cancel the record of the assessment for taxes of 1888 and 1887 on part plot 1, block 1422, in the name of Bernard Brady at a valuation of $1,150, as the same are duplicate assessments for said years, the property having been subdivided and appointed by the Comptroller in 1886 into five plots, lettered A, B, C, D and E, and for said years 1887 and 1888 the original plot and subdivisions thereof having both been assessed.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and the same are hereby authorized to borrow the sum of $64,031.42 on bonds to be issued in anticipation of the redemption of lands bought by the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City at the sales by the City Collector made April 23, 1891, and May 20, 1891, said bonds to be payable at the option of the city with interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable with the bonds and the proceeds derived. The sale of said bonds to be applied for the certificates of sale of the property purchased by the Mayor and Aldermen at the sales held the 23d day of April, 1891, and the 20th day of May, 1891, and

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the City Collector for the sum of $64,031.42 in payment of certificates of sale for property purchased by the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City at sales of lands, etc., for unpaid adjusted taxes, assessments and water rates on the following described property held April 23, 1891, and May 20, 1891, viz:—

BLOCK.	LOT.	AMOUNT.
572	C	$7674
588	E	4807
589	Front 1 to 29	277 10
590	Front 49, 50	328 37
590	Front 33 to 48	2,588 91
590	Rear 49, 50	38 15
590	60 to 64	235 17
591	23 to 28	1,045 03
591	33 to 36	396 88
592	27 to 35, Part 36	718 35
592	Front 35 to 40	24 57
593	12 to 28	1,030 37
593	29 to 32	251 19
593	33 to 37 and 43	187 85
593	44 to 52	367 78
672	1, 2	90 12
672	Front Part 3	17 00
672	Rear Part 3	32 73
672	Front Part 4	20 15
672	Rear Part 4	30 95
672	Front Part 5	20 97
672	Rear Part 5	13 55
672	A	521 57
672	B	294 65
672	C	42 50
672	33 to 37	55 66
672	D	44 64
672	E	409 85
672	F	106 52
673	5 to 17	1,859 56
673	18 to 33	2,087 66
673	34	175 90
673	39 to 45, Part 46	183 75
673	Part 46, 47 to 57, pts 58 to 68	661 18
673	Front Pt 58 to 68	184 67
674	8, 9 to 17	389 63
674	18 to 30	548 83
674	31 to 34	330 97
285½	22	216 88
286	25	764 98
286	27	658 55
286	P	845 83
287	42	293 11
674	18 to 30	548 83
674	36 to 51	21 16
674	52 to 61, Part 62	1,497 27
674	Front Part 62 to 68	413 37
675	K1	460 01
675	K2	366 99
218	F	808 59
218½, 219	10	246 48
224½	C	91 43
226, 288	Part 23	21 98
228	C	39 71
328	21	60 90
328	22	60 90
328	E24	8 21
329	3, 4, 5, 6 E	1,133 32
329	D29 to 32	342 00
330	E9 to 16	533 25
330	D17, 18	99 66
331	E1 to 7	1,865 29
331	D8	326 55
331	17, 18	99 66
331	E29 to 32	269 65
363	29 to 32	422 70
364	9 to 12	324 82
364	23	200 09
364	5, 6	290 97
364	27, 28	171 50
365	10	38 00
365	11	35 20
365	12	35 20
365	29 to 32	171 50
366	E3, 4	99 66

366	17 to 20	$128 29
367	E5, 6	99 66
367	E11, 12, 13	147 51
367	E14	60 89
367	21, 22	89 41
367	Part 23	15 42
367	D30, 31, 32	147 51
367½	3	32 45
367½	4	60 89
367½	5, 6, 7	174 73
367½	D8	60 90
367½	D	600 66
367½	E	372 06
398	1 to 7	69 72
398	Part 8	61 16
398	Rear Pt 8	56 49
399	1 to 8	57 20
399	9 to 12	338 95
399	16	99 66
399	25, 26	97 24
400	1 to 8	29 04
402	1, 2	72 04
402	3	38 00
402	4	38 00
547	2A	796 15
547	2B	113 19
547	2C	817 90
551	15, 17, 19, 21, 23	964 63
551	57, 59, 61, 63	2,697 00
1478-1479	13, 14	561 31
1478-1479	15	132 84
547	10, 12	114 03
289	25	437 52
289	29	259 43
289	30	259 43
290	28	366 38
291	B Pt 21 to B Pt 24	343 51
291	D Pt 21 to D Pt 24	517 95
291	1	650 96
292	27, 28	394 77
292	13 to 16	1,635 09
292	12	450 77
293	17D, 18D	503 32
293	5, 6	267 05
293	18	106 01
293	15D	35 78
293	16D	120 30
326	21 to 24	659 52
326	29, 30	368 95
327	12	$243 17
327	29 to 32	439 08
328	F1, 2, 3	895 46
328	D4	284 76
328	E Part 5	296 14
116	East ½ 60	307 65
116	East ½ 61	56 43
118	West ½ 40	274 41
118	31	153 04
121	10, 11	472 13
144	24	975 11
117	West ½ 11	117 30
145, 147	10, 11, 12	954 84
191, 193	11	213 53
191, 193	28	213 53
194	26	244 56
701	B	178 87
319	6	753 78
140	D3, 31	75 86
142	8, 9	338 92
143	J4, ½ of J3	445 93
143	11	6,297 66
589	Part 21 to Part 29	298 79
589	30 to 36	435 16
589	37 to 44, Pt 45, Pt 46	440 87
590	Pt 16, Pt 17, 18 to 28	525 79
590	29 to 32	244 92
590	Rear Pt 30 to Pt 50	1,098 22
674	1 to 7, Pt 8	374 73
674	Rear Pt 62 to Pt 68	738 26
675	M	334 92
675	L	303 93
228	B	448 74
929	18 to 20	1,109 12
929	23	73 90
293	15D	35 94
399	27, 28	97 72
Total,		$64,031 42

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

On motion of Mr. Peterson the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance, held at the City Hall, Tuesday, June 2, 1891, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present:—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of J. W. Harrison of $17.85 for stationery for City Treasurer.

Claim of J. W. Harrison of $140.78 for stationery for City Collector.

Claim of J. W. Harrison of $40.90 for stationery for Board of Finance.

Claim of Bryan Smith of $22.40 for coach hire.

Claim of Western Union Telegraph Co. of $2 for time service Mayor's office to June 1.

Claim of A. Walter of $2 for repairing clock, Board of Finance.

Claim of A. Walter of $2.50 for repairing clock, Collector's office.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Requesting appropriation of $300 to rebuild rear wall of Public School Building No. 1, York street.
2. Ordering paid $100 to Michael Kelly for services as foreman, repairs to water gates, May, 1891.
3. Fixing certain salaries.
4. Three (3) resolutions making appointments and fixing salaries of employees Water Department.
5. Ordering paid certain claims.

Upon motion of Mr. Hillier the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance held in the City Hall, Saturday, June 6, 1891, at 9 o'clock a.m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Peterson.

Absent—Mr. Kenny.

The call for the meeting which was for the purpose of making certain transfers of money, was read by the Clerk.

The following resolutions were then offered by Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $9,876.32 (one for $3,292.10 and one for $6,584.22) in payment to general account of interest on water account loans, November 1, 1890, to June 10, 1891, as per statement of the City Comptroller attached.

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for $374,000, to transfer that amount from water account to general account to return balance of loan.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes — President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Peterson.

Absent—Mr. Kenny.

On motion of Mr. Allen the Board then adjourned.

W. G. German,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Tuesday, June 16, 1891, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Martin Logan, attorney for Patrick Coyle, for return of duplicate payment of taxes.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the International Bank Note Co. of $1,015 for engraving city bonds, etc.

Claim of Nicholas E. Feury of $202.92 judgment and costs recovered against the city.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $31.02 for messenger service, Mayor's office, April, 1890.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $17.91 for messenger service, Mayor's office, May, 1891.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $35.49 for messenger service, Board of Finance, May, 1891.

Claim of John H. Ficken of $25 for board of horse of Building Inspector, May, 1891.

Claim of J. W. Harrison of $307.70 for stationery.

Claim of the Jersey City News, of $86 for binding manuals, etc.

Claim of John Mullins of $93.44 for carpets, etc., for Board of Finance.

Claim of Henry C. McCartin of $85 50 for taking acknowledgments of tax sales under Martin act.

Claim of the United Gas Improvement Co. of $36.75 for gas, City Hall, May, 1891.

The above were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

Francis D. Cleveland, as Assistant Chief Engineer to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, in $10.000, with James Coyle and Patrick J. Condon as sureties.

Charles A. Van Keuren, as Surveyor to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, in $10,000, with John Craven and Henry Lembeck as sureties.

Frank P. Woodcock, as Permit Clerk, in $5,000, with John Craven and James Roche as sureties.

Communication from the Sinking Fund Commission requesting the Board of Finance to provide for the payment of $3,750, interest on city water bonds held by said Commission until May 1, 1891.

Communication from the Sinking Fund Commission requesting the drawing of a warrant for $125 in favor of C. L. Westervelt for services as Clerk, for five months ending July 1, 1891, when due.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the Board of Aldermen requesting an appropriation of $10,000 to provide for a park adjoining the reservoir, in Fourth district.

Communication from the Board of Aldermen submitting estimates for the coming fiscal year.

Communication from the Board of Education submitting estimates for the coming fiscal year.

Communication from the Board of Fire Commissioners submitting estimates for the coming fiscal year.

Communication from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting an appropriation of $16,900 to purchase apparatus, horses, hose, etc.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Communication from the Board of Aldermen requesting that all application for repairs to the City Hall be referred to said Board.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Board of Fire Commissioners inviting the Board of Finance to inspect the buildings and apparatus of the Fire Department

Received and invitation accepted.

The following communication, addressed to the President of the Board, was received, ordered spread in full on the minutes, and filed:—

HEADQUARTERS OF FIRE DEP'T,
JERSEY CITY, June 9, 1891.

John Edelstein, Esq., President Board of Finance:—

MY DEAR SIR—As President of the Board of Fire Commissioners it becomes my duty to call your attention to a condition of affairs in this Department that calls for immediate attention on the part of those in authority, in order that the lives and property of our citizens should receive the ample protection guaranteed to them. From a series of circumstances for which this Board is in no way responsible, several of the apparatus of this Department have been rendered useless for the services required of them, and having no spare apparatus to replace them and the appropriation made to this Board being insufficient to cover an emergency of this kind, I respectfully ask you, as presiding officer of that part of the city government who provide the necessary funds covering an emergency of this kind, to convene said Board and relieve us by appropriating sufficient to repair apparatus mentioned until others more suitable can be provided. What is absolutely needed is as follows:– Engine No. 8. that covers all that portion of the city formerly known as Greenville and the better part of the Bergen section of the city and Lafayette, has been rendered entirely useless by having the flues of her boiler entirely burned out and will cost at least $400 to place her in condition for service; at present an old engine formerly known as No. 1, (Uncle Dan), of the Volunteer Fire Department is in the place of said engine, but cannot be depended on for any service whatever. Engine 9, situated in that section of the city formerly known as Bergen, and assigned to more stations than any other engine in the Department, collapsed some twenty-five tubes in boiler and was rendered totally useless for fire purposes, and we have no spare engine to replace her with. It will cost at least $200 to repair her and put her in condition for use. Hook and Ladder No. 3 needs new kingbolts and other repairs that will entail an expense of $100. Chemical No. 4, the most useful and effective apparatus

in the Department for incipient fires, needs a general overhauling, having been in use since 1872 without general repairs. It will cost at least $300 to place her in proper condition. In behalf of this Board I would respectfully urge you to relieve us without delay.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM J. KERN,
President Board of Fire Commissioners.

The following resolutions adopted bythe Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions: -

1. Authorizing the advertising for proposals for the erection of urinals in Hamilton and Van Vorst Parks.

2. Authorizing the construction of a main sewer in Oxford avenue, etc., to the Hackensack River.

3. Awarding contract to Michael Curley for sewer in St. Paul's avenue from Tonnele avenue to the Hackensack River.

4. Awarding contract to James Carlin for building a fire-proof vault at Street and Water building.

5. Two (2) resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

6. Ordering paid the following pay roll:—

Assessments and Extensions, laying water pipe, May, 1891, $3,155.12.

Assessments and Extensions, repairing water pipe. May, 1891, $2,604.87.

Assessments and Extensions, repaving over water pipe, May, 1891, $504.

Assessments and Extensions, watching water pipe, at Communipaw Bridge, May, 1891, $210.

The following communication, inclosing three resolutions adopted by the Board of Finance May 27, 1891, was received and referred to the Corporation Counsel :—

BOARD OF STREET AND WATER COMMISSIONERS, Jersey City, June 9, 1891.

Honorable Board of Finance,

Gentlemen,—

Enclosed please find copies of resolutions transmitted from your Board, which same I have been directed to return to you for the reason that "the subject matters contained therein are ones in which this Board claims to exercise equal control."

Very respectfully yours, etc.,
GEORGE T. BOUTON,
Clerk.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Committee on Finance reported the following official bonds, and recommended that the same be approved, ordered spread upon the bond book and filed:—

As Assistant Chief Engineer to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, Francis D. Cleveland.

As Surveyor to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, Charles A. Van Keuren.

As Permit Clerk to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, Frank P. Woodcock.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was received, and the recommendations therein contained adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

The same committee reported the following claims and recommended that warrants be ordered drawn in payment of the same:—

$1,015, The International Bank Note Company, for engraving city bonds, etc.

$22.50, The Jersey City News, for advertising sale of water bonds.

$4.20, The Jersey City Herald, for advertising sale of water bonds.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the recommendations therein contained adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and recommended that the same be concurred in:—

1. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:—

Assessments and extensions—Laying water pipe, May, 1891, $3,155 12.

Assesments and Extensions—Repairing water pipe, May, 1891, $2,604 87.

Assessments and Extensions—Repaving over pipe, May, 1891, $504.

Assessments and Extensions—Watching pipe, May. 1891, $210,

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson

Nays—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the following resolutions and recommended their adoption:—

1. Ordering the drawing of warrants in payment of the regular pay roll for the month of June, 1891, when due.

2 Ordering paid $208.33 each to the Jersey City News, the Evening Journal, the Jersey City Herald and the New Jersey Staats-Zeitung for printing official minutes during the month of June, 1891, when due.

3. Ordering paid $25 to C. S. Westervelt for extra services in itemizing reports of the Commissioners of Adjustment during the month of June, 1891, when due.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims, and recommended the payment of the same:—

$72 De Haan & Co. for stationery, Board of Finance.

$18 De Haan & Co. for steel pens.

$275 the Evening Journal Association for advertising tax sales.

$17.85 J. W. Harrison, for stationery, City Treasurer.

$41.90 J. W. Harrison, for stationery, Board of Finance.

$140.78 J. W. Harrison, for stationery, City Collector.

$22 The Jersey City News, for printing manuals.

$21.50 The Jersey City News for printing manuals, etc.

$99.50 The Jersey City News, for printing law case.

$93.44 John Mullins, for carpets, etc., Board of Finance.

$14 76 Regan & Higgins, for cleaning carpets, etc.

$22.40 Bryan & Smith, for coach hire.

$2 A. Walter, for repairing clock.

$2 the Western Union Telegraph Company, for time service, Mayor's office, to June 1. 1891.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By President Edelstein:—

Whereas, Under the provisions of Chapter 4, Laws of 1890, passed February 18, 1890, the members of the Board of Aldermen claim compensation at the rate of $750 per annum; and,

Whereas, By a decision of the Supreme Court of the State at its June term, 1891, the claims of said Aldermen are held to be valid; therefore,

Resolved, That for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Board of Aldermen from February 18, 1890, the date of the passage of the Act, to May 4, 1891, the end of the Aldermanic year, the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to borrow the sum of $11,663 04 for the purpose of paying the salaries due to Aldermen from February 18, 1890, to May 4, 1891, at the rate of $750 per annum, as provided in said Chapter 4, Laws of 1890, and that said money be borrowed in anticipation of taxes and that a bond be issued therefor bearing interest at a rate of not exceding five per cent per annum for such time as may be deemed necessary, and that said amount be inserted in the next tax levy to meet said bond when due and payable

By Mr. Hillier:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of C. S. Westervelt for $125 for services as Clerk to the Sinking Fund Commissioners during the months of February to June, 1891, inclusive, five months, at $25 per month.

By Mr. Peterson:—

Resolved, That the annexed resolutions, passed by this Board May 27, 1891, be referred to the Honorable Board of Street and Water Commissioners for an answer under the provisions of Section 38 of Chapter 315 of the Laws of 1873; and be it further

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to advise this Board at its next meeting as to its powers under said section and its general powers over the subject matter of such resolutions.

Following are the resolutions annexed :—

Resolved, That the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be requested to inform the Board whether any contractors for public improvements are permitted, by the terms of their respective contracts, to lay or relay street pavements upon cinders, clay, debris or any other material other than clear, sharp sand, and whether any other material than proper sand has been used for said purpose as charged by complaints made individually to members of this Board.

Resolved, That hereafter this Board will not concur in, or make any provision for the payment of any claim or obligation incurred by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for men employed, or merchandise, or material purchased by said Board of Street and Water Commissioners for the Water Department of the city, unless the employment of such men, and the rate of compensation to be paid; and the nature and quality of such merchandise or materials and the price thereof, is first submitted to this Board for its approval.

Resolved, That on and after this date all bills presented to this Board for concurrence shall be made in detail, stating by whom ordered, the date, and for what place and purpose, noting the quantity, quality and price; the amount of labor performed, with rates, etc.; it being understood that this Board in the future decline to receive any claims for concurrence unless the same be drawn in accordance with the terms of this resolution.

Resolved, That this Board will not hereafter concur in any contract for any public improvement unless the inspector appointed to superintend such improvement is a practical man and competent to perform the duties of said inspector on such improvement; the name of such inspector to be sent to this Board with the resolution requesting the Board's concurrence in such contract.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Whereas, This Boaad made provision in the last tax levy to the amount of $3,500 for the payment of claims incurred in necessary and required repairs to streets and public places prior to February 26, 1889, in excess of the appropriations made for such purposes, a part of which sum of $3,500 still remains unexpended

Resolved, That the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be requested to certify as to the correctness of all proper claims presented to them or their predecessors for the purposes aforesaid to the end that the same, if properly chargeable to said unexpended appropriation, may be paid.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer as follows, to be deposited to credit of July, 1891, interest:—

On general account, $45,640.

On general account, to pay interest on assessment bonds, $47,180.

On water account, $47,995.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of that officer, to transfer from adjusted lien account, collections made April 30, 1891, to May 29, 1891, as follows:—

To water account, $1,019.59, adjusted water rents.

To assessment account, $5,991.79, adjusted assessments.

To general account, $839.95, adjusted taxes, 1890.

To general account, $1,943.28, adjusted taxes, 1889.

To general account, $2,214.55, adjusted taxes, 1888.

To general account, $88, tax sale advertising fees.

To tax arrearage fund, $17,775.50, adjusted taxes, 1875 to 1887.

To tax arrearage fund. $823.08, interest on adjusted taxes, etc.

To fund, 1873, $928.87, adjusted taxes

1872 and previous years.

To fund, 1873, $1,099.20, adjusted taxes 1873 and 1874.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $15,000, account of county taxes 1890.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Martin Logan, attorney for Patrick Coyle, for $24.80 to return duplicate payment of taxes for 1881, as adjusted on lot 18, block 620.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Henry C. Kelsey, Secretary of State, for $8.50, for certified copy of Chapter 134, of Laws of 1891, said amount having been omitted from the resolution adopted by this Board April 29, 1891.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer to return amounts of surplus realized upon tax sales over and above the sums, as adjusted, due the city, with interest, costs and disbursements, as follows:—

$238 63, William Doherty, sale of April 2, 1890, of Lot 4, Block 137, Newark avenue.

$215.10, John Gardner, sale of October 22, 1890, of Lot 27, block 773, Hancock avenue.

$298.31, Henry Traphagan, sale of March 26, 1890, of Lot 26, Block 215, Pavonia avenue.

$103.52, Stephen S. Southard, sale of April 2, 1890, of Lot "J" Block 130, Warren street.

$211 30, Henry E G. Lugties, sale of April 16, 1890, of Lot 222, Block 233, Canal street.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

On motion of Mr. Kenny the privilege of the floor was granted to Superintendent John H. Brown, of the Fire Department, who addressed the Board as to the requirements of said department.

On motion of Mr. Allen the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Tuesday, July 7, 1891, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Invitation from the Robert Davis Association, with tickets enclosed, for their second annual free excursion to Sylvan Beach Grove, Wednesday, July 8, 1891.

Received and accepted.

Communication from the Jersey City News in reference to salary for printing official minutes.

Communication from the Evening Journal Association in reference to salary for printing official minutes.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of Colgate & Co. for return of $116.42 surplus paid in redemption of lands sold for unpaid adjusted taxes, etc.

Petition of Rev. F. E. Mortimer, for cancelation of taxes on property on St. Mark's Church.

Petions of Jacob Ringle (2) for return of duplicate payments of water rents.

Petition of Richard Grant for assignment of certificates of sale of lands sold for unpaid adjusted taxes, etc.

Petition of S. D. Tompkins for return of taxes paid in error.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Vredenburg & Garretson, attorneys for Joseph Keogh, of $300.80, judgment and costs recovered against the city.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $25.95 for messenger service, mayor's office, June 1891.

Claim of the American District Telegrap Company of $31.30 for messenger service, Board of Finance, June, 1891.

Claim of John H. Ficken of $25 for board of horse for Building Inspector.

Claim of F. Heppenheimer's Sons of $100 for lithographing.

Claim of the J. C. News of $68.75 for printing manuals, etc.

Claim of Robert Lightfoot of $7.00 for typewriting.

Claim of Robert Lightfoot of $14.40 for typewriting.

Claim of F. M. McDermott of $60 for ice, May and June, 1891.

Claim of the N. J. Law Journal and Publishing Company of $2 for copies of laws.

Claim of The N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Company of $50 for searches under Martin act.

Claim of R. H. Weaver of $19.50 for awnings for office of City Collector.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was received from the Corporation Counsel enclosing the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Michael Clark against the City of Newark.

Ordered spread upon the minutes and filed:—

JERSEY CITY, June 30, 1891.

W. G. German, Esq.,
Clerk of the Board of Finance,
Jersey City.

DEAR SIR:—I inclose for the use of the Board of Finance copy of the decision in the case of Michael Clark vs. City of Newark, touching the decision of election expenses between the city and county. Under this the amount of money to be expended for election purposes by the Board of Aldermen will be much reduced. I think their estimate of expenses for the present year was made before this opinion was announced.

Yours respectfully,
WM. D. EDWARDS, C. C.

NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT, }
June Term, 1891. }

THE STATE, MICHAEL CLARK, }
vs. }
THE MAYOR, &C., OF NEWARK. }

Syllabus.

1. The expenses of erecting booths under the election law of 1890 is to be borne equally by the county and the city, because they are both used in county and city elections.

2. The county must pay one-half the expense of canvassing and making the registry, and each city and township one-half because it is used in every election. The county is to pay the cost of revising the registry for the November election, and each township is to pay for revising the registry for its spring election, and the city is to pay for revising the registry for its November election.

Argued at February Term 1891, before Justices Depue, Van Syckel and Scudder.

F. W. Stevens, Esq., for Plaintiff.

Joseph Coult, Esq., for Defendants.

The opinion of the Court was delivered by Van Syckel, J. The question in this case is, how shall the cost of conducting elections under the act passed in 1890 (Laws of 1890 p. 361) be distributed between the county and its cities and townships.

That act provides the mode for conducting all elections save town meetings, which are still governed by the old law, except as to registration.

In Essex County municipal (including township) elections are held in the spring, except in the City of Newark, where the municipal election takes place in October.

The election for members of Assembly and county officers is held in November, at which time no township or city officers are voted for.

Sections 54 and 55 of the act provide how the expenses therein referred to shall be defrayed.

We have concluded that the just interpretation of the act in this respect is:—

1. That the expenses of erecting booths shall be borne equally by the county and the city because they are used both in county and city elections.

2. That the county shall pay one-half the expense of canvassing and making the registry, and each city and township one-half, because it is used in every election.

The county shall pay the cost of revising the registry for the November election, and each township shall pay for revising the registry for its spring election, and the city shall pay for revising the registry for its October election.

Although the registry was made at the instance of the county authorities for the November election, it will be resorted to and used by the city for the next October election. It seems, therefore, that the intention of the act was to impose the burden as above indicated. Let a mandamus issue in accordance with this view.

A true copy.

BENJ. F. LEE, Clerk,
Per A. LASCH, Deputy.

Communication from the City Collector certifying to the filing in his office of reports Nos. 70 and 71 of the Commissioners of Adjustment, amounting to $40,228.49 and $61,026.31 respectively.

Received and ordered filed.

The following officials bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

Of Winthrop W. Ruggles, as Chief Engineer of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, in $25,000, with Henry Lembeck and John Craven as sureties.

Of Cornelius Healy, as Water Registrar, in $50,000, with Dennis McLaughlin, James Hunt and Michael L. Desmond as sureties.

Communication from the Board of Police Commissioners, submitting estimates for the coming fiscal year.

Communication from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners submitting estimates for the coming fiscal year.

Communication from the Tax Commissioners submitting estimates for the coming fiscal year.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Resolution of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners ordering paid $7,000 to the Sinking Fund Commissioners, being amount due on account of Water Bonds of 1891.

Resolution of the Board of Education requesting transfers in accordance with the Act approved April, 1873, to pay school salaries for July and August.

Resolution of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners requesting transfer of balance of appropriation for Public Buildings and Grounds, Board of Aldermen, 1890 1891, to their account.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:—

Pumping and Reservoirs—Belleville and High Service, May, 1891, $5,349.60.

Assessment and Extensions—Labor on meters, May, 1891, $420.

Assessment and Extensions—Labor on meters, June, 1891, $465

Assessment and Extensions—Reassessing, June, 1891, $712.50.

Assessment and Extensions—Water Registrar, etc., June, 1891. $3,105.81.

Assessment and Extensions—Superintendent, etc., June, 1891. $989.99.

Assessments and Extensions—Laying water pipes, June, 1891, $2,847.

Assessments and Extensions—Repairing water pipe, June, 1891, $2,271.50.

Assessments and Extensions—Pepaving over pipe, June, 1891, $649.

Assessments and Extensions—Repaving water gates, June, 1891, $258.

Assessments and Extensions—Watching pipe, June, 1891, $212.

2. Requesting concurrence in contracts for the improvements of Pearsall avenue and Forrest street.

3. Awarding contract to Albert Mirardow for the improvement of Fifteenth street from Grove street to Erie street.

4. Ordering paid certain claims incurred in October and November 1888.

5. Three (3) resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Finance reported the following official bonds and recommended that the same be approved, ordered spread in full upon the bond book and filed:—

As Chief Engineer, Winthrop W. Ruggles.

As Water Registrar, Cornelius Healy.

The yeas and nays having been called on the above report, it was received, and the recommendations therein contained adopted by the following vote:—

Yeas—President Edlestien, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

Committee on concurrent resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and recommend that the same be concurred in:—

1. Awarding contracts to Albert Minardow, for the improvement of Fifteenth street from Grove street to Erie street.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was received and the resolution concurred in by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims, and recommended that warrants be ordered drawn in payment of the same:—

$31 02, the American District Telegraph Company, messenger service, Mayor's office, April, 1891.

$17.91, the American Distriet Telegraph Compony, messenger service. Mayor's office, May, 1891.

$35.49, the American District Telegraph Company, messenger service, Board of Finance, May, 1891.

$307.70, T. W. Harrison, stationery

$100, F. Heppenheimer's Sons, lithographing.

$86, Jersey City News, printing and binding manuels.

$68.75, Jersey City News, manuals, bill heads, etc.

$9.45, Jersey City News, advertising tax sale notice.

$85.50, Henry C. McCartin, taking acknowledgments under Martin Act.

$60, T. McDermott, ice, City Hall to July 1, 1891.

$50, New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company, searches made under Martin Act.

$2, New Jersey Law Journal and Publishing Company, copies of Laws of 1891.

$36.75, United Gas Improvement Company, gas, City Hall, 1891.

$19.50, R. H. Weaver, awnings for Collector's office.

$7, C. William Wermer & Company, stationery for Corporation Counsel.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Paterson.

Nays—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Peterson:—

Resolved, That the Board of Street and Water Commsssioners and the Chief Engineer be severally requested to furnish this Board at its next meeting with a detailed statement of all improvements now in course of completion to meet the cost of which no moneys have as yet been appropriated by this Board out of the license funds, and which improvements said Board anticipate shall be paid for out of said funds when appropriated; said detailed statements shall include the names of the streets so in course of improvement, the name of the contractor, the amount of work done, the probable cost thereof, and the date of the contract under which the same are proceeding.

By Mr. Peterson:—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be directed to transfer the unexpended balances of appropriation for public grounds an buildings and printing ordinances in book form, Board of Aldermen 1890-1891, to the credit of same accounts Board of Street and Water Commissioners for current year.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $21,863.93, apportioned for teachers' salaries and fuel, Board of Education, 1890-1891, for the month of July, 1891, and a like amount for August, 1891, to the same appropriation for the month of June, 1891.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to advise the Board as to whether the Board of Street and Water Commissioners have the power to enter into contracts requiring the expenditure of over $2,000 to be paid out of the appropriations for the repairing of improved streets if any shall be made by this Board out of the license fees unless such contract shall be concurred in by this Board.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of an Act entitled "An act to authorize the requisition of real estate and the erection of buildings thereon for the use of police departments in the cities of this State," approved April 8, 1889, and the supplements thereto approved May 28, 1890, and March 9, 1891, one or more bonds be issued for the sum of $15,000 be dated July 8, 1891, with interest payable January 1 and July 1, at four and a half per cent. per annum, with principal payable January 1, 1907, the proceeds of the sale of said bonds to be devoted to the payment of contracts for the erection of a station house in the Greenville district of the city, and for no other purpose whatsoever.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That the City Treasurer and Comptroller be directed not to pay out any moneys in connection with the erection of new police department buildings beyond the amount of $95,000 so appropriated for said purpose by this Board, and then only in settlement of contracts duly approved or concurred in by this Board.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $820 to transfer that amount from water account to to general account, the same being the apportioned cost to water account for engraving, printing and advertising bonds dated April 1, 1891, and due 1916; general account having paid the entire cost, $2,876 45.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow the sum of $2,056.45 on temporary loans at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum, the proceeds thereof to be used in the repayment to the contingent fund of this Board of the cost of printing, engraving and advertising the recent issue of bonds made by the city other than water bonds, for which no appropriation was available; and that the payment of said temporary loan be provided for in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Jacob Ringle to return duplicate payments of water rents of 1891, as follows:—

$25.30, lot 20, block 225, No. 222 Erie street.

$18 30, Lot K, Block 247, No. 208 Fitth street.

And that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favar of that officer to make transfers from liquor license account of balance of license money collected from July 1, 1890, to June 30, 1891, as provided in Chapter 127, laws of 1889, as follows:—

$886.57 to Special Street Account.

$443.28 to Special School Account.

$443.29 to Sinking Fund, 1873 Account, being the amounts due said accounts.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Sinking Fund Commission of Jersey City on water account for the sum of $14,000 for the purpose of establishing a sinking fund to pay the principal of $586,000, five per cent., water bonds dated April 1, 1891, due in 1916, in accordance with act approved June 9, 1890, and resolution of Board of Finance of March 26, 1891.

By Mr. Allen:—

Rpsolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Colgate & Company, for $116,42. for amount of sdrplus realized upon the tax sale on April 2, 1890, of Lot E, Block 37, Grand street; over and above the same as adjusted due the city with interest, cost and disbursements.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

On motion of Mr. Hillier, the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance, held in the City Hall, Thursday, July 16, 1891, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present at roll call—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

The call for the meeting, which was for the transaction of general business and to hear representatives of the several boards of city government regarding the appropriations required for the transaction of public business during the coming fiscal year was read by the Clerk.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Jane Henderson for return of duplicate payment of water rents of 1890.

Petition of Sara C. and Mary Durkin for return of duplicate payment of water rents of 1891.

Petition of A. Brown for return of duplicate payment of water rents of 1891.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following communication was received and referred to a special committee committee consisting of Messrs. Kenny and Allen.

Jersey City, July 15, 1891.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance of Jersey City.

GENTLEMEN;—

I notice in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of the Street and Water Commissioners held June 1, 1891, two claims of Charles Freeman of $225 and $150 respectively, and which were reported correct and ordered paid by the Committee on Assessments and Extensions, consisting of Commissioners Somers, Dugan and Yoe. I desire to call your attention to the fact that from my own knowledge these claims are fraudulent in every particular, and respectfully request a thorough examination of said claims by your honorable Board before the same are concurred in by you.

Very respectfully yours,
JOSEPH WARREN.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of George C. Doyle of $3 for repairs in office of City Collector.

Claim of The United Gas Improvement Company of $28.50 for gas, City Hall, June, 1891.

Claim of The Western Union Telegraph Company of $1 for time service, Mayor's office, June, 1891.

Received and referred to Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following resolution adopted by the Board of City Hall Commissioners was received and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, This Board has investigated and examined the various sites suggested in this city whereon to erect a new City Hall for the accomodation of the various departments of the City Government and has determined that in view of the price at which the same may be acquired and the central location thereof the site hereinafter described is the one most suitable and offering the greatest advantages to the public:—

Resolved, That the following tract of land in Jersey City, New Jersey, be and the same is hereby selected under the provisions of Chapter 134 of the Laws of 1887, and the acts supplemental thereto and amendatory thereof as the suitable site for the City Hall of this city, to wit:—

All that plot of land situate in Jersey City, New Jersey:—Beginning at the northerly corner of Montgomery and Henderson streets; thence running (1) northeasterly along the northwesterly side of Henderson street to the southwesterly side of Mercer street two hundred (200) feet; thence (2) northwesterly along Mercer street one hundred and fifty (150) feet; thence (3) southwesterly parallel to Henderson street two hundred (200) feet to the northwesterly side of Montgomery street, and thence (4) southwesterly along Montgomery street one hundred and fifty (150) feet to the place of beginning. Containing twelve city lots in area. And be it further

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance said land and premises be purchased and acquired for the purposes aforesaid for a sum not exceeding $115,000, for the fee simple of said lands by private purchase and in case said lands or any part thereof cannot be purchased so as to bring the total cost of said land within said sum of $115,000 above fixed, then the same or so much thereof as cannot be purchased at the rate aforesaid, be acquired by condemnation proceedings under the provisions of said act.

JOHN PEARSON,
President City Hall Commission.
E. E. DATZ,
Secretary pro tem.

Communication from the Commissioners of Adjustment requesting the appropriation of $7,500 for their use.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions passed by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Authorizing the purchase of certain supplies.
2. Awarding contract to Patrick Ryan for the improvement of Cambridge avenue from Griffith street to Hutton street.
3. Ordering paid certain claims incurred in October and November, 1888.
4. Ordering paid the following pay roll:—Bellevue and High Service, June, 1891, $5,006.19.
5. Ordering paid certain claims.

The following communications from Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:—

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF STREET
AND WATER COMMISSIONERS,
JERSEY CITY, July 16, 1891.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance:—

GENTLEMEN:—At a meeting of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners held on this date I was directed to transmit the accompanying to you:—

Very Respectfully,
GEO. T. BOUTON,
Clerk.

The Board of Street and Water Commissioners of Jersey City:—

Your Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred, July 16, 1891, the resolution of the Board of Finance, in which that Board declared that "it will not hereafter

concur in any contract for any public improvement unless the inspector appointed to superintend such improvement is a practical man and competent to perform the duties of said inspector on such improvement, the name of such inspector to be sent to this Board with the resolution requesting this Board's concurrence in said contract," respectively report:—That, while they would be happy to adopt such a course, they find that it would be impracticable, as contracts are frequently held for months (e. g., Pearsall avenue, St. Paul's avenue, Forest street, etc.). That if the Board of Finance would concur or non-concur promptly then such an arrangement might be possible. None but practical men are appointed, and if the property owners make prompt request for a competent man it is the custom of the Board to make the appointment, but it is folly to make the appointment of a practical man antedate indefinitely concurrent action. Your Committee would also request that a copy of this report be transmitted by the Clerk to the Board of Finance.

E. A. DUGAN,
STEPHEN P. YOE,
CHARLES J. SOMERS,
JOHN F. MADDEN,
W. R. COOK,
Committee of the Whole.

ersey City, July 16, 1891.

CLERK'S OFFICE, BOARD OF
STREET AND WATER COM'RS,
JERSEY CITY, July 16, 1891.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen:—

The following is a copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners at its meeting held July 16, 1891. Very respectfully,

GEO. T. BOUTON, Clerk.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to forward to the Board of Finance a copy of the communication presented by the Chief Engineer this day, with the request that it furnish to the Chief Engineer or to this Board a statement of all complaints made to them individually, on the subject matter thereof, and such other information as they may possess, to the end the interest of the city may be conserved.

JERSEY CITY, JULY 16, 1891.

To the Honorable the Board of Street and Water Commissioners.

Gentlemen:—

I have investigated the subject of the resolution of the Honorable Board of Finance relative to the use of cinders, clay, or material other than clean, sharp sand, in the paving of streets under contract with this city.

All of the specifications furnished by me, and on which the contracts are based, call for the use of clean, sharp sand. The following is the clause: "Upon the foundation prepared by grading clean, sharp sand or gravel, to be approved by the Chief Engineer, is to be filled to the proper depth to receive the pavement,"

While I am unable to be present all the time upon the work under each contract, the work being under the special supervision of the surveyors and inspectors (who are supplied with the specifications), I do not believe those specifications are disregarded.

I should be pleased to receive the complaints of any citizen on this subject, and would thoroughly investigate the same and refuse to sign any certificate for payment when such breach is shown.

Very respectfully,
W. W. RUGGLES,
Chief Engineer.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Committee on Finance reported the following resolution and recommended its adoption:—

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the City Hall Commissioners July 10, 1891, to purchase twelve city lots fronting on Henderson, Mercer and Montgomery streets, which have been selected by said Commissioners as most suitable for the site of a new City Hall to be erected in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 134 of the Laws of 1887, and the supplements thereto, and fixing the price to be paid for said property, whether acquired either by private purchase or by condemnation proceedings, at not exceeding $115,000, be and the same is hereby concurred in by this Board which hereby agrees in the acquiring of said property either by private purchase or condemnation or both, for said purpose, at not exceeding $115,000.

The ayes and nays having been called, the report was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—Messrs Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Excused from voting—President Edelstein.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer to the order of the Commissioners of Adjustment for $7,500 out of the proceeds of and collections from adjusted city liens for taxes, tax sales, assessments and water rents, said sum being required by said Commissioners to properly perform and carry out the provisions of the act creating said Commission.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of A. Brown for $14.35 to return duplicate payment of water rents of 1891 on Lot 14, Block 706, No. 29 Waverly street, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Sara C. and May Durkin for $16.40 to return duplicate payment of water rents of 1891 on Lot B, Block 243, No 249 Second street, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Jane Henderson for $17.10, to return amount of duplicate payments of water rents for 1890 on lots 25, 26, block 462, No. 186½ Whiton street, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, to transfer from adjusted lien account collections made May 29 to June 30, 1891, as follows:—

To water account, $1,454.42, adjusted water rents.

To assessment account, $1,934.33, adjusted assessments.

To general account, $1,210.98, adjusted taxes, 1890.

To tax arrearage fund, 1889, $1,591.60, adjusted taxes, 1890.

To tax arrearage fund, 1888, $1,774.95, adjusted taxes, 1888.

To tax arrearage fund, $12,601.90, adjusted taxes, 1875 to 1887.

To general account, $8, tax sale advertising fees.

To tax arrearage fund, $271.99, interest on adjusted taxes, etc.

To fund, 1873, $378.34, adjusted taxes, 1872, and previous years.

To fund, 1873, $544.28, adjusted taxes, 1873 and 1874.

The ayes and nays having been called on the foregoing resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

Representatives of the several City Boards were then heard in regard to the appropriations for the coming fiscal year, and on motion of Mr. Hillier the Board adjourned subject to the call of the Chair

W. G. GERMAN, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Tuesday, July 21, 1891, at eight o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Martin A. Bidwell for return of surplus paid for redemption of lands sold for unpaid taxes, etc.

Petition of Catherine Dinan for return of surplus paid for redemption of lands sold for unpaid taxes, etc.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was received and ordered spread upon the minutes and filed:—

Hon. Board of Finance,

Sirs:—My opinion has been asked upon a number of questions involving the right of concurrence of your board in the actions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and also your general supervisory powers over the affairs of the municipality intrusted to that Board and the manner in which the same should be exercised.

In order to fully understand the status of affairs a slight review of the early legislation on the subject is desirable. The Board of Finance and Taxation (the predecessor of your body), who first grafted upon the municipal body politic by the Charter of 1871 (An Act to reorganize the local government of Jersey City). See Sections 128 to 133 of that Act for its general power. As originally constituted it was purely a financial Board, it had no special power over the Board of Public Works (the predecessor of the present Board of Street and Water Commissioners) except in fixing the annual appropriations therefor and the borrowing of money therefor, when required. By the supplement of March 24, 1873 (page 400), to the City Charter, Section 37, the system of concurrent action by some other Board over the business of the Board of Public Works was inaugurated; but the concurrent power was placed by that Act in the Board of Alderman. I quote that Section in full:—Section 37, "and be it enacted that no motion, resolution or order of the Board of Public Works providing for the making of any improvement, or the doing of any work, or the procuring of any materials, or the purchase of any property which may cost over two thousand dollars, or for employment of any person whose compensation may exceed one thousand dollars per annum, or for the payment of any sum of money exceeding two thousand dollars shall be of any force or effect unless the same is concurred in by a vote of the Board of Aldermen, provided that it shall be necessary for the Board of Public Works to send to the Mayor for his approval under section ninety-five (95) of the act to which this is a supplement any resolution or vote thus required to be concurred in by the Board of Aldermen before it becomes valid.

By the supplement of March 27, 1874 (page 504), this concurrent power in the Board of Aldermen was repealed and a more sweeping power given to the then Board of Finance and Taxation. The power as granted in Section 9 of that supplement is as follows:—* * * * * and hereafter no motion, resolution or order of the Board of Public Works providing for the making of any improvement or the doing of any work, or procuring of any materials, or the purchase of any property or for the employment of any person whose compensation may exceed one thousand dollars per annum, or for the payment of any sum of money exceeding $2,000 in shall be of any force or effect unless the same be concurred in by a vote of the Board of Finance and Taxation, provided that it shall not be necessary for the Board of Public Works to send to the Mayor for his approval, under section 95 of the act to which this is a supplement, any resolution or vote that is required to be concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation under the provisions of this section; and provided further, that it shall not be necessary for the Board of Public Works to send to the Board of Finance and Taxation any resolution providing for the payment of money on account of any contract of purchase, where the resolution authorizing such contract or purchase shall have been concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation." No further amendments to the old Charter of Jersey City were made affecting this concurrent power prior to the adoption of the new Constitution, after which special legislation was forbidden.

But in 1880 the concurrent power of the Board of Finance and Taxation was materially curtailed as to the appointment of the employes of the Board of Public Works. Chapter 38 of the Laws of 1880, page 48, provides in section 1 "that hereafter the several municipal Boards in the cities in this State, by whatever name or designation said Boards, or any of them, are known in law, are hereby severally authorized and empowered to appoint and employ their officers, agents and employes respectively provided for by law, without the concurrence of any other municipal Board, and such concurrence therein shall not be required."

Section 2. "That it shall hereafter be lawful for each municipal Board, Board of Public Works or other City Board in the several cities of this State to appoint and employ its appropriate officers and agents without the concurrence of any Board of Finance or other municipal Board in such city, and the right of any one municipal Board to concur in the appointment and employment or in the salary or compensation of the officers and agents of any other municipal Board, is hereby abolished and such concurrent section shall not be required."

Section 3 contains a repealer of all inconsistent, general and special acts.

This act applies to Jersey City, and did away with the concurrence by the Board of Finance and Taxation in the matter of appointments and salaries of the employes of the Board of Public Works, except so far as the same may be regulated by the annual tax budget. The other concurrent rights conferred by the supplement of 1874 remained. The question now arises, was this right of concurrent action modified or repealed by the new charter of 1889

Chapter 127) or by the act creating the present Board of Street and Water Commissioners, as the successors of the old Board of Public Works (Chapter 134 of the laws of 1891). The new charter of 1889 simply transferred (in Jersey City) the functions and duties of the old Board of Public Works to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners therein created, but this transfer, except as in the act specially provided was subject to all the limitations of the old Board; one of these limitations was the concurrent power of the Board of Finance, moreover by Section 16 of the new charter, the Board of Finance thereby created became vested with, and the duties and functions of the old Board of Finance and Taxation; one of the functions was the right of concurrence.

As I have remarked the new charter contains an exception to this rule; by Section 12 it is provided that the Board of Street and Water Commissioners shall exclusively disburse the fund therein created out of the license fees for the repaving and repairing of streets. As I have heretofore advised, the Board of Finance have no concurrent power over these disbursements; by Section 11 of that act the whole matter is entrusted to the discretion of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners. But I am asked to advise whether your Board has any control over the making of the appropriation for street repairs out of the license fund. The provisions of the new charter of 1889 and the recent act creating the present Board of St eet and Water Commissioners (chapte 134 of the laws of 1891), both deal with this appropriation, but in different methods.

Under the act of 1889, Section 12, it is enacted "that one half of the fees so received for such licenses, if any are granted in such city for and during three years next after the passage of this act, shall be kept as a separate fund and shall be disbursed exclusively by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners herein provided for, in the repaving, repairing and improving of streets, avenues and public places as herein before provided, and for no other purpose and case no such licenses are granted or fees received then no such expense shall be incurred under this act." The law makes the appropriation outright and vests no discretion in setting the same aside as a separate fund to any board or officer in the city. This act was approved April 6, 1889, so that the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were vested with the right to expend without further appropriation for the purposes aforesaid the one half of the license fees collected for the year 1889, 1890 and the present year 1891, and still possess that right unless the same has been modified by subsequent legislation.

That brings me down to the consideration of the effect of the act constituting the present Board of Street and Water Commissioners (chapter 134 of the laws of 1891). This act by Section 22 expressly enacts that the power of concurrence, vested in the Board of Finance, shall not be dispensed with, and emphasizes its retention.

It also deals with the question of street repair fund. Section 5 thereof is substantially Section 11 of the new charter, except that it recognizes two classes of appropriations, one already made, to wit, under the new charter, and one which may be made under the act of 1891; the language is, "and be it enacted, That the Board of Street and Water Commissioners herein provided for shall have power in their discreation to repave, repair or improve, at public expense, any part of any street, lane, alley, avenue or public place already paved, or that has been paved to be paid for out of the funds raised by the issue of licenses for the sale of spirituous or malt liquors, heretofore appropriated under existing laws for that purpose in such city, or which may hereafter be appropriated for that purpose in any such city under the authority conferred by this act." This clearly contemplates the continuation of this appropriation for three years made under the new charter. The sixth section gives power to your Board with the approval of the Mayor to make a similiar appropriation out of the license funds for the period of six years. There is no express repealer in the act of 1891; the two acts must stand together if possible. That such was the intention of the Legislature is clear from the reference to the existing appropriation referred to in section 5. I therefore advise that for the year 1891 the appropriation for this purpose has been made by the Legislature and you have no control over it, but that from and after the present year the appropriation can only be made by your Board, when approved by his Honor the Mayor. The absolute control over their expenditure of this money is conferred upon the Board of Street and Water Commissioners in terms even more explicit than by the act of 1889.

I have been especially asked to advise if the Board of Street and Water Commissioners have the power to enter into a contract payable from the license funds for an amount greater than two thousand dollars without your concurrence, as provided in section 9 of the supplement of 1874.

The language of section 6 of Chapter 134 of the laws of 1891 is that these moneys "shall be disbursed, applied and expended for such purposes exclusively by said Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and by no other Board or authority, nor for any other purpose whatever." This language clearly negatives any idea of concurrence by your Board in any contract or disbursement connected with this work, even if the contract or payment amount to more than $2,000. I therefore conclude that your Board still has the power of concurrence conferred by section 9 of the laws of March 27, 1874, above recited. except as to "the employment of any person whose compensation may exceed one thousand dollars per annum," which words were stricken from the act by the repealer contained in the law of 1880, and except as to the disbursements out of the license fees for the repaving of streets. In the supplement of March 27, 1874, sections 20 and 21 also refer to the number of employes and their salaries, who may be appointed by the old Board of Public Works; in the sight of the act of 1880, I need not review the effect of these sections. The Board of Street and Water Commissioners however, under Chapter 134 of the laws of 1891, must fix the compensation of its employes "within such limitations as to amount as

may be now fixed by law in any such city;" for example by section 20 of the supplement of March 27, 1874, the salary of the Clerk of the Board is fixed at $3,000 per annum while by section 10 of the same supplement the total expenditure for the bureau of Civil Engineering and Survey must not exceed $20,000 per annum. If the Board of Street and Water Commissioners should endeavor to exceed these limitations it would become your duty to instruct the City and City Comptroller to refuse to honor their warrant.

Again, under Chapter 263 of the Laws of 1891, page 486, section 4, it is provided "that the Board having charge and control of the water works for the supply of such city shall, before making or incurring any obligation on behalf of such city against the water account thereof, lay aside and devote each year a sum sufficient to pay the interest upon all water bonds issued and to be issued by such city on behalf of the water supply thereof."

It is your duty, as the guardians of the City Treasury, to see that the interest on the water debt is fully provided for before any large sums of money are expended for salaries in the Water Department.

As to the manner of exercising this right your Board must either concur or non-concur in the action of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners; you have no power of amendment. Whenever amendment is desirable the Board of Street and Water Commissioners should request your Board to return the resolutions or action in question for further consideration, and your Board may or may not, in its discretion, grant this request. Where a request of this character is made, however, in the interest of economy, it should be promptly acceeded to and a careful record made thereof to prevent the duplicate payment of bills. Without such a request your Board cannot return a bill for correction. Non-concurrence on your part, in the payment of bills, however, does not prevent the Board of Street and Water Commissioners from passing the same claim for a reduced amount, subject to your further concurrence. Non-concurrence in an improvement or contract stops the work and proceedings must be instituted anew.

While your Board has the right to investigate fully every claim presented for concurrence, and to that end call for information from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and also from any clerk, engineer or employe, when this investigation has been made you should concur or non-concur. The right to call for information is founded upon section 38 of the supplement of March 24, 1873, which is as follows:—

"And be it enacted, That said Board of Finance and Taxation and its appropriate Committee shall have (at all times) the right to examine any records, books, files or other papers pertaining to the business of said city, belonging to or in the possession or under the control of any Board or officers, or any agent, clerk, assistant or employe of any such Board or officer; and it shall be the duty of every such Board or officer, agent, clerk, assistant or employe, forthwith upon the request of said Board of Finance and Taxation or its appropriate Committee, to furnish for examination every such record, book, file or other papers, and to give all requisite information in regard thereto."

Although you may call for this information directly from the employes of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, I advise that under the terms of section 20 of the act of 1891 (chapter 134) the request for information be made through the Board, and if that Board fails to promptly comply then to the Chief Engineer, Clerk or other employe possessing the desired information directly. Your Board also has the right to insist upon having each requisition for supplies, with the cost thereof, submitted to it before the purchase is made. A purchase by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, although the materials have been furnished under the express order of that Board, does not bind the city without your concurrence. On this point I refer to the case of The State, Keeney vs. Jersey City, 18 Vroom, page 449, and quote from the concluding portion of the opinion of the Supreme Court therein.

"In the present case the Board of Public Works did not order the doing of the work or the procuring of the materials, but they ratified the act of the Commissioner of Streets and Sewers by approving the bill rendered by the plaintiff, and sending it to the Board of Finance and Taxation. The subsequent ratification of the Board of Public Works was as good as if a previous order had been given for the work and materials, but it is only effective to the extent of their authority under the charter to order the improvement.

"This, as we have seen, could not be done without the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, and by this Board there has been no ratification. The whole law on this subject is briefly stated in Cory v. Freeholders of Somerset, 15 Vroom 445, 455. The Court says that where the charter authorizes a contract to be made by the corporate body in a certain mode, whereby the power of such body is intended to be limited, its officers and agents cannot bind it in any other manner. In such cases only a limited power is granted, and consequently an act done beyond the scope of such power is void. This is the rule to be applied in this case, where a contract irregularly made in behalf of the city having been ratified by our Boards, the other, whose concurrence was essential in making any contract, now refuses to ratify it. Such partial ratification is not sufficient to bind the city for work done under this contract with the Street and Water Commissioners."

These are the general principles involved; let me now say a word as to their application to the resolutions introduced by Mr. Peterson and referred to me, which I have numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4.

No. 1—Resolved, That the annexed resolutions passed by this Board May 27, 1891, be referred to the honorable Board of Street and Water Commissioners for an answer under the provisions of section 38 of Chapter 315 of the laws of 1873; and be it further

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to advise this Board at its next meeting as to its powers under said section, and its general powers over the subject matter of such resolutions. Following are the resolutions annexed :—

Resolved, That the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be requested to inform the Board whether any contractors for public improvements are permitted, by the terms of their respective contracts, to lay or relay street pavements upon cinders, clay, debris or any other material other than clear, sharp sand, and whether any other material than proper sand has been used for said purpose as charged by complaints made individually to members of this Board.

No. 2—Resolved, That hereafter the Board will not concur in or make any provision for the payment of any claim or obligation incurred by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for men employed, or merchandise, or materials purchased by said Board of Street and Water Commissioners for the Water Department of the city, unless the employment of such men, and the rate of compensation to be paid, and the nature and quality of such merchandise or material, and the price thereof is first submitted to this Board for its approval.

No. 3—Resolved, That on and after this date all bills presented to this Board for concurrence shall be made in detail, stating by whom ordered, the date, and for what place and purpose, noting the quantity, quality and price, the amount of labor performed, with rates, etc., it being understood that this Board in the future decline to receive any claims for concurrence unless the same be drawn in accordance with the terms of this resolution.

No. 4—Resolved, That this Board will not hereafter concur in any contract for any public improvements unless the inspector appointed to superintend such improvement is a practical man and competent to perform the duties of said inspector on such improvement; the name of such inspector to be sent to this Board with the resolution requesting the Board's concurrence in such contract.

To these I answer:—

No. 1—Under section 38 of the act of March 24, 1873, and under general supervisory control of the finances of the city, you have the right to make this inquiry, and the same should be answered by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and their Chief Engineer.

No. 2—You have the right to refuse to concur in the purchase of any materials and merchandise unless the nature, quality and price thereof are fully reported to you before purchase. In practice this would undoubtedly be inconvenient, but you have the right to insist upon it. As I have advised you, I have no control over the salary accounts, unless the limit fixed by law is transgressed.

No. 3—You have the right to insist upon the information called for in this resolution and the Board of Street and Water Commissioners should furnish the same.

No. 4—Your Board has no voice in the appointment of inspectors to superintend street improvements, but can refuse to concur therein until the appointment is made or rather you can non-concur unless this condition precedent is complied with. The Board of Street and Water Commissioners under the law must appoint practical and competent men.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM D. EDWARDS,
Corporation Counsel.

The following communication from the Chief Engineer was ordered spread in full upon the minutes and filed:—

JERSEY CITY, July 21, 1891.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance.

GENTLEMEN—Agreeably to your request, as expressed to me in a resolution passed by your Honorable Board July 7, 1891, I herewith submit the following statement:—

The improvements now under contract and in course of completion, the cost of which is to be paid out of the license money, are as follows:—

Contract No.	Contractor.	Date of Contract.	Amount passed by the Board.	Probable Cost.
594	P. J. Condon,	Sept. 2, 1890.	$14,033 30	$23,000
595	John Nolan,	Oct. 3, 1890,	25,915 65	45,000

Contract 594, Grove street, Grand street to Railroad avenue.

Contract 595, Grove street, Newark avenue to Seventeenth street.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. RUGGLES,
Chief Engineer.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was received, ordered spread in full upon the minutes and filed:—

Jersey City, July 21, 1891.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance.

SIRS:—

I herewith enclose opinion just rendered by the Supreme Court in the action on certiorari brought by the city under your direction to review the purchase of the Smith and Thurber tracts at Snake Hill, by the county, for $105,000. The Court sets aside the purchase by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on the ground that the price agreed to be paid was so excessive as to show that the resolution to purchase was in fraud of the acts of 1887 (pp. 201), and not a legal exercise of the power conferred by it.

The result fully justifies your action and prevents the bonding of the county for over $100,000, of which Jersey City would have been compelled to pay over $65,000 beside interest.

Respectfully submitted,
W. D. EDWARDS, C. C.

New Jersey Supreme Court, June Term, 1891.

The State, the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City v. the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Hudson County.

On certiorari.

SYLLABUS.

A resolution of the Board of Freeholders to purchase lands under the act of 1887 (pamphlet law 201) set aside, the price agreed being so excessive as to show that the resolution is in fraud of the said act, and not a legal exercise of the power conferred by it.

Argued at February Term, 1891, before Justices Depue, Van Syckel and Scudder.

W. D. Edwards, Esq., for plaintiff.

John A. McGrath and Gilbert Collins, Esqs., for defendants.

The opinion of the Court was delivered by Van Syckel, J.

The purpose of this litigation is to set aside a resolution passed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hudson, passed January 5, 1891, to purchase of Horace K. Thurber 9 28-1,000 acres of land on Snake Hill for the sum of $40,000, and to purchase of Abel Smith 13½ acres for the sum of $65.000.

The power to purchase these lands is conferred by an act of the Legislature, passed April 21, 1887 (pamplet laws p. 201).

The second section of the act provides that it shall be lawful for the Freeholders to make "a contract or contracts of purchase of such land, with the owner or owners thereof, upon such terms and conditions as to such Board shall seem best and most advantageous to the interest of such county."

Section three gives the Board power of condemnation in case of failure to agree with the owner.

The price agreed to be paid for the Thurber tract is over $4,300 per acre, and from the Smith tract over $4,800 per acre.

The real estate agents produced by the prosecutors say that the outside value of this land is between $1,000 and $2,000 per acre. The witness on the part of the defendant, who gives the highest estimate, fixes the value at from $3,500 to $4,000 per acre.

An effort was made on the part of the defendants to swell the value of these lands by computing what the stone would produce which may be quarried from these lands in the course of years. Calculations made upon such a basis are manifestly unreliable. The accumulation of the interest account during the long period that will elapse before the rock can be put upon the market, and the uncertainty as to the character of the rock, the cost of production, and the market price in competition with other quarries, renders such computation in the highest degree misleading.

It also appears in evidence that Mr. Thurber in December, 1890, offered to sell his tract for $18,000. The defendants say this offer was for part and not the whole of the Thurber tract, but we cannot fail to observe that Mr. Thurber was not put upon the stand to verify this contention. It was equally noticeable that the defendants have not been able to procure a witness who can testify that these lands are worth over $3,500 or $4,000 per acre, while they have resolved to give a much higher price for them.

According to the case as presented to us, there is no conflict of testimony that the price agreed to be paid is not only many thousands of dollars in access of that for which the property was offered in the market by the vendors about thirty days before the resolution in question was passed, but also largely in excess of the value any witness who could be produced would put upon it.

In ordinary cases this Court would not undertake to substitute its opinions as to values for that of the constituted authorities to whose judgment the people haven chosen to commit the conduct of their affairs. The evils which flow from the incompetency of those to whom public concerns are entrusted, or from their lack of wisdom or judgment must commonly be redressed by an appeal to the ballot to secure their removal from office. Where the common law prevails they are not under ordinary circumstance the subject of judicial supervision.

But the supervising power of this court may be invoked, where the authority to make the engagement is not exercised in accordance with the legislation conferring it.

In this instance the legislative act imposed upon the defendants the duty to exercise a reasonable discretion in making the purchase, and to prevent injustice to the county, provided the right of condemnation.

The prices agreed to be paid are so excessive that we feel impelled to the conclusion that the resolution certified is in fraud of the act of 1887, and not a legal exercise of the power conferred by it.

The proceedings below should be set aside with costs.

A true copy.

BENJ. F. LEE, Clerk.
Per A. LAWSHE, Deputy.

Communication from the Board of Aldermen requesting the appropriation of $575 for board of horse of Building Inspector.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The following resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners was received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolution:—

1. Authorizing the purchase of certain supplies (Requisition No. 2).

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and recommended that the same be concurred in:—

1. Awarding contract to Michael Curley for the improvement of Vroom street from Summit avenue to Gray street.

2. Awarding contract to Patrick Ryan for the improvement of Forrest street from Ocean avenue to Jackson avenue.

3. Awarding contract to Charles O'Neill for the improvement of Pearsall avenue from Old Bergen Road to Avenue E.

4. Ordering paid the following payrolls:—

Assessments and Extensions—Labor on meters—May, 1891, $420.

Assessments and Extensions—Water Registrar, etc.—June, 1891, $3,105.81.

5. Ordering paid the following claims, the same to be charged against the contingent fund, Board of Finance, 1890–1891:—

$89.25, Richard Bly.
$69, Patrick Breshin.
$47, James Brady.
$47, William Flynn.
$62.50, Wm. Farrell.
$51, John Hynes.
$52, Dennis Hogan.
$89.25, James F. Larkins.
$98, Patrick Lawlor.
$17, John Nevins.
$20 50, Owen Tierney.
$176.75, Van Keuren & Son.

6. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the report was received and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs, Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

The same Committee reported the following resolutions and recommended the adoption of the same:—

(1) Nonconcurring in Requisitions Nos. 1 and 2 for the purchase of certain supplies for the reason that the prices to be paid for the articles mentioned in said requisitions have not been furnished to this Board.

(2) Nonconcurring in the payment of the payment of the following claims:—

$39.50—John Beaver.

$302.60, $237.15, $323.50, $305.50, $295.50, $420.15—P. J. Condon.

$390, $190, $361, $361—James Coyle.

$102.75, $197.27, $127.67, $129.67, $136.45, $94.01—James Carlin.

$86.50, $147, $24.50, $104.50—Bartley Conlan.

$141, $104, $249, $250, $50, $224.50, $47, $42, $41.50, $80, $25, $40, $73, $93.75, $12, $20, $25 50, $85, $125, $52 50, $57, $15 50, $249.25, $22—Albert Datz.

$28, $28, $28, Robert Donshea.

$52 35, $28 45, $27.25, Michael J. Griffin.

$65, Louis Heller, Jr.

$52, $52, $48, $65, James Hart.

$56, $42. $28, $56, Hauck Bros.

$9.45, $99.46, $122.14, $450.13. $143.49, $132 70, $284, $480, $153, $402.22. $265 42, $440, $390. $368, $467, $158.18, $134.36, $17.23, $221.74, Jersey City Supply Company.

$109.64, $71.66, $71.10, $288, $372, $84, $125, $59 40, $390.96, $182.30, $419 86, $56.74, $254.65, $41.57; $104.10, $178 75, $105, $69.27, Philip E. Martin.

$462, John P. Murray.

$77, Hector McMullen.

$360, $402, $432, $288, John McCarthy.

$65, Daniel Moran

$250, $270, $469.37, John Nolan.

$180.24. O'Brien and Keilt.

$156 99, $339, $200, $108.23, $161.31, $34.80, $357.18, Theo Smith & Bro.

$41.55, $79,14, $53.80, $1.90, J. Schellenberger.

$91, William S. Travers.

$47, Edward Wilson.

$20, $58.85, F. P. Woodcock.

$6, Adolph Walter.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the report was received and the resolutions non-concurred in by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the following resolutions and recommended their adoption:—

(1). Ordering paid $208 33 each to the Jersey City News, the Evening Journal, the Jersey City Herald and the New Jersey Staats Zeitung for printing the official minutes during the month of July, 1891, when due.

(2). Ordering paid $30 to C. S. Westervelt for extra services in itemizing reports of the Commissioners of Adjustment during the month of July, 1891, when due.

(3). Ordering warrants drawn on the City Treasurer in payment of the regular monthy pay roll for the month of July, 1891, when due.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the report was received and the recommendations therein contained adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims and recommended that warrants be ordered drawn in payment of the same:—

$25 95, American District Telegraph Company, messenger service, Mayor's office, June, 1891.

$3, George C. Doyle, repairs in office of City Collector.

$14.40, R. Lightfoot, typewriting.

$7, R. Lightfoot, typewriting.

$28.50, United Gas Improvement Company, gas, City Hall, June, 1891.

$2.50, A. Walter, repairing clock.

$1, Western Union Telegraph Company time service, Mayor's office, June, 1891.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the report was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Peterson—

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to furnish this Board at each of its regular meetings with a detailed statement of the balances in each of the banks of deposit to the credit of the several city accounts, including the school and sinking funds.

By Mr. Peterson:—

Whereas, The Board of Street and Water Commissioners has forwarded to this Board payrolls for the water department for the month of June, A. D. 1891, amounting to the sum of over $16,000, or at the rate of nearly $200,000 per annum; and

Whereas, Under Chapter 263 of the Laws of 1891 provision must be made for the payment of the interest on the water debt before making or incurring any obligation on behalf of the city against the water account.

Resolved, That the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be requested to direct the Water Registrar to furnish this Board with the following information concerning the Water Department to the end that this Board may be assured of the payment of the interest on the water debt as the same falls due:—

(1.) The total amount of water rates imposed for the year ending May 1, 1892.

(2.) The estimated amount of measured water to be charged up during said year.

(3.) The amounts charged up and collected for measured water during the year ending May 1, 1891.

(4.) The amounts required to pay the interest and sinking funds upon the bonds issued for the water accounts of the city, with the dates when the same become due.

(5.) The total amount collected by the city during the year ending May 1, 1891, for water rents, and the disbursements out of the same, distributed under general heads.

By Mr. Allen—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized and empowered to hire a safe with a double combination lock, in the vault of the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company for the period of one year, at a sum not exceeding forty dollars per annum for the use of the city, and the Committee on Finance be directed to place therein for safe keeping all bonds given or to be given by the various city officials of the city for the performance of their duties, entrusted to the care of this Board.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, to be deposited to the credit of August, 1891, interest.

For $40,590 on general account to pay interest on general bonds.

For $14,625 on water account to pay interest on water bonds.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $50,000 on account of county taxes, 1890.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of an act entitled "An act relating to the issue of temporary loan bonds in cities of this State," approved April 21, 1884, the Committee on Finance be and they are hereby authorized to borrow, on one or more temporary loan bonds, the sum of $400,000, to be issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes of Jersey City for the year 1890; said bonds to be payable on demand with interest, payable semi-annually, on January 1 and July 1, at a rate of interest not exceeding five (5) per cent per annum.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Catherine Dinan, administratrix of Thomas Dinan, deceased, for $522.04 for amount of surplus realized upon the tax sale on April 2, 1890, of Lot 12, Block 221 Thirteenth street, over and above the sum as adjusted due the city, with interest, costs and disbursements.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Martin A. Bidwell for $280.33 for amount of surplus realized upon the tax sale on March 26, 1890, of Lots 62 and 64 and 72 and 74, Block 557, Union street, over and above the sum as adjusted due the city, with interest, costs and disbursements.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

On motion of Mr. Hillier, the Board then adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Thursday, July 23, 1891, at eight o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

The call for the meeting, which was for the transaction of general business, was read by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Hillier a recess was ordered.

On reassembling the roll was called, the entire Board being present.

The Committee of the Whole reported the following:

Honorable Board of Finance:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee of the Whole, to whom were referred the estimates and recommendations of all the Boards of Jersey City, including the appropriations from this Board, most respectfully report and recommend that the amount proper and necessary to be raised by tax during the current year for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1891, and ending November 30, 1892, be fixed at one million, six hundred and eighty-eight thousand, seven hundred and fifteen dollars and forty-one cents ($1,688,715.41) as the appropriation and limit of expenditure for the purposes of the several Boards—except where by law it may be otherwise provided—the above amount, taking into consideration the money to be paid to Jersey City by the State for school purposes and the money to be paid to Jersey City under the act entitled "An act for the taxation of railroad and canal property," approved April 10, 1884, and the one-ninth (1-9) to be added as required by the act of March 27, 1884, the committee recommend distributed among the several boards in the following manner, as the limit of the expenditures of the said boards for the purpose and in the manner mentioned, viz:

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately for the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the

BOARD OF STREET AND WATER COMMISSIONERS.

as follows:

For payment to such contractor or contractors as shall be awarded contracts for cleaning the streets and removing the garbage of Jersey City during the year commencing December 1, 1891, this appropriation is made for payments under such contracts as shall be approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance, and no portion thereof shall be used or expended for any other purpose whatever, nor shall any charge be credited against this item for work to be done or materials furnished under the same unless the same shall be done or furnished in accordance with specifications prepared by the Chief Engineer and approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance, including the salary ($2,000) of the Superintendent of Streets and Roads	$2,500 00
For cleaning sewers and receiving basins—the Board of Finance reserving the right at any time to have the sewers and receiving basins of the city cleaned by contract or contracts, to be approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance; in which event no portion of this appropriation shall be used or expended for any other purpose whatever, nor shall any charge be created thereafter against this item for work thereafter done, unless the same shall be done or furnished in accordance with specifications prepared by the Chief Engineer and approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance, including the salary of the Inspector of Sewers	1,000 00
Public grounds and buildings	125 00
Salaries	1,208 33
Printing and stationery	125 00
Repairs to unpaved streets	250 00
Reconstruction of sewers	166 66
Insurance	500 00
Lamps and lights	7,500 00
Electric lights	1,250 00
District Court rentals	150 00
Rent of armories	291 66

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations, the following sums in gross:—

For asphalt walks in Van Vorst Park	$2,500 00
For asphalt walks in Hamilton Park	3,000 00
Improvement of grass plots in Hamilton Park	500 00
Improvement of grass plots in Van Vorst Park	500 00
Making the total amount to be extended by said Board of Street and Water Commissioners during the ensuing fiscal year to be	181,799 80

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately for the ensuing fiscal year to be expended as follows by the

BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Relief of outdoor poor	$500 00
Gas and supplies for armories	83 33
Salaries	883 33
District Court salaries	808 33

And in addition to the above monthly appropriation the following sums in gross:

Board of horse of Building Inspector to December 1, 1892	$750 00
Decoration Day	200 00
Elections	26,000 00
Printing, Stationery and Supplies	2,000 00
Insurance and repairs on City Hall	1,000 00
Making the total amount to be expended by said Board of Aldermen during the ensuing fiscal year to be	57,249 88

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately for the ensuing fiscal year to be expended as follows by the

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS:—

Salaries, as per Schedule "A" annexed	$25,166 83
Police Surgeon	125 00
Warden of City Hospital	125 00
Matron of City Hospital	33 33
Station houses and prisoners, as per Schedule "B" annexed	916 66
Hospitals and Dispensaries	1,375 00
Printing and Stationery	125 00
Police Justices	625 00

Rentals	80 00
Committee on Health	41 66
Clerks to Police Courts	375 00

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums in gross:

Patrol System	$12,450 00
Telephones for Patrol System	600 00
Inspector of Patrol System	1,200 00
New building at City Hospital	5,000 00
Pensions	12,075 00
Furnishing new Second precinct building	2,000 00
Additional patrolmen	10,000 00

Making the total sum to be expended during the ensuing fiscal year by said Board of Police Commissioners to be..391,186 76

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately during the ensuing fiscal year to be expended as follows by the

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

Salaries as per Schedule "C" annexed	$8,329 16
Claims	1,666 66

And, in addition to the above monthly appropriations, the following sums in gross:

Aerial truck	$3,500 00
Two steamers, one of which to be housed in the Fifth district	8,000 00
New hose, to be of the brands known as the "White Diamond" or "Eureka" brand, first quality, and to stand a test pressure of 400 prounds to the square inch, and any length found defective within three years to be replaced by the manufacturers free of charge	3,000 00
Repairs to Engines 8, 9 and 4	1,500 00
Horse and wagan for Superintendent	650 00
Repairs to engine houses	7,000 00

Making the total sum to be expended by said Board of Fire Commissioners during the ensuing fiscal year to be....... 143,599 84

Appropriations fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately for the ensuing fiscal year to be expended as follows by the

BOARD OF EDUCATION:—

Teachers' salaries and fuel	$22,750 00
Superintendent and Clerks	458 33
Janitors' salaries	1,666 66
Janitors' supplies	125 00
Books and stationery	1,250 00
Rentals	100 00
Repairs, gas, heating and ventilating	416 66

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations, the following sums in gross:

Printing and blanks	$1,500 00
Census	3,500 00
Annual report	750 00

Making the total sum to be expended by said Board of Education during the ensuing fiscal year to be..................$326,949 80

Appropriations fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately for the ensuing fiscal year to be expended as follows by the

BOARD OF TAX COMMISSIONERS.

Salaries	$750 00

And in addition to the above monthly appropriation, the following sums in gross:

Field and assessment books	$1,000 00
Printing, stationery and supplies	400 00
Incidentals	500 00
Extra clerk hire	6,500 00
Board of horse	500 00

Making the total sum to be expended by said Board of Tax Commissioners during the ensuing fiscal year to be......... $17,900 00

Appropriations fixed as the limit of expenditure for the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the

TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriations		$10,000 00
Balance of appropriation by judgment of Supreme Court for 1889	$17,429 80	
And for 1890	17,324 27	
		34,754 07
Making the total appropriation for said Free Public Library to be		44,754 07

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately for the ensuing fiscal year to be expended as follows by the

BOARD OF FINANCE.

Salaries	$6,000 00
Printing minutes	916 66

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums in gross:

Printing, stationery and supplies	$10,000 00
Expenses of Sinking Fund Commission	500 00
Contingent Fund	20,000 00
Interest on general and assessment bonds as per schedules "D" and "E" annexed	628,411 66
Interest on assessment bonds, 1890-91, as per Schedule "F" annexed	20,688 01
Interest on sundry bonds as per Schedule "G" annexed	15,114 72
For sinking funds as per Schedule "H" annexed	40,100 00
Bonds due December 1, 1891, as per Schedule "J" annexed	103,005 08
Making the total sum to be expended by said Board of Finance during the ensuing fiscal year to be	920,819 36

RECAPITULATION.

Street and Water	$181,799 80
Aldermen	57,249 88
Police	391,186 76
Fire	143,599 84
Education	326,949 80
Tax Commissioners	17,900 00
Free Library	44,754 07
Board of Finance	920,819 39
Total	$2,084,259 54
Less amounts to be received from the State for schools	269,415 71
Net total	$1,814,843 83
Less amount to be received under "An act for the Taxation of Railroad and Canal property," approved April 10, 1884, the same to be first applied to the payment of the city debt and the interest falling due thereon	295,000 00
Total, being the amount fixed as the amount to be raised in Jersey City for all city purposes during the ensuing fiscal year	$1,519,843 83

Add 1-9 to conform to "An act concerning cities of this

3 1-2 per cent. on $187,000 due May 1, 1893..........	6,545 00	
3 1-2 per cent. on $100,000 due May 1, 1893..........	3,500 00	
3 1-2 per cent. on $11,500 due November 1, 1893..	402 50	
3 1-2 per cent. on $1,500 due May 1, 1894..........	52 50	
		$16,800 00
Total interest on assessment account bonds 1891-1892........		$315,105,00

SCHEDULE "F."

Interest on assessment account bonds fiscal year 1890-1891.	$20,688 01

SCHEDULE "G."

Interest on sundry bonds other than those on account of which taxes already levied........	$15,114 72

SCHEDULE "H.".

FOR SINKING FUND PURPOSES.

3 per cent. on $450,000, 6 per cent. bonds, due 1910	$13,500 00	
Act of February 18, 1889		
3 per cent. on $150,000, 5 per cent. bonds due 1911	4,500 00	
Act of March 3, 1881.		
To pay $525,000, 5 per cent. bonds due 1913........	12,000 00	
Act of January 30, 1883.		
To pay $7,000, Truck House No. 4, bonds due 1895.	1,000 00	
Act of February 18, 1888.		
To pay $6,000, Engine House No. 11, bonds due 1895.	1,000 00	
Act of February 28, 1888.		
To pay $6,000, Engine House No. 3, bonds due 1893.	1,000 00	
Act of April 5, 1887.		
To pay $30,500, new pump bonds, due 1895........	6,100 00	
Act of April 2, 1889.		
To pay $7,000, Engine House No. 1, bonds due 1897.	1,000 00	
Act of February 25, 1889.		
Total.............		$40,100 00

SCHEDULE "J."

FOR PAYMENTS OF BONDS FALLING DUE.

To pay repairs to school bond, due December 1, 1891.	$15,000 00	
Act of March 31, 1871.		
To pay schoolhouse bond, due March 8, 1891............	4,800 00	
Act of February 13, 1883.		
To pay schoolhouse bond, due December 1, 1891........	8,200 00	
Act of February 13, 1883.		
To pay license expense bond, due December 1, 1891.	1,000 00	
Act of March 31, 1871.		
To pay elections bond due December 1, 1891...............	23,000 00	
Act of March 31, 1871.		
To pay cleaning streets bond, due December 1, 1891.	2,500 00	
Act of March 31, 1871.		
To pay cleaning sewers bond, due December 1, 1891.	2,500 00	
Act of March 31, 1871.		
To pay judgment bond, due December 1, 1891........	2,692 04	
Act of March 8, 1877.		
To pay repairs to school bond, due December 1, 1891.	7,500 00	
Act of March 1, 1871.		
To pay furnishing Seventh Precinct Station House, bond due December 1, 1891.... ...	500 00	
Act of March 31, 1871.		
To pay repairs to schoolhouse No. 10 bond, due December 1, 1891........	400 00	
Act of March 31, 1871.		
To pay salaries of members of Board of Aldermen bond, due December 1, 1891........	11,663 04	
Act of April 21, 1884.		
To pay salary of City Clerk bond, due December 1, 1891............	1,250 00	
Act of April 21, 1884.		
To pay furnishing Fourth Precinct Station House bond, due December 1, 1891........	3,000 00	
Act of March 16, 1891.		
To pay license expense bond, due December 1, 1891.	1,000 00	
Act of March 31, 1871.		
To pay cleaning streets bond, due December 1, 1891.	18,000 00	
Act of March 12, 1890.		
		103,005 08
Total.........................		$143,105 08

Your committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole as to the appropriations of the

several Boards of Jersey City and the amount proper and necessary to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the current year for the purposes of city government for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1891, and ending November 30, 1892, be and the same are received and adopted, and in conformity therewith the Board of Finance having duly considered the estimates and recommendations of the several Boards, do hereby fix the amounts to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the present year for the purposes of the said Boards for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1891, and ending November 30, 1892, both days included, at the sum of one million six hundred and eighty-eight thousand seven hundred and fifteen dollars and forty-one cents ($1,688,715.41), and that sum, together with the amount to be raised by the State to Jersey City for schools, and together with the amount to be paid to Jersey City under the provisions of an act entitled "An act for the taxation of railroad and canal property," approved April 10, 1884, is hereby distributed among the several Boards, in the amounts as recommended by the said Committee of the Whole, and the amounts then fixed shall be the appropriations and limits of expenditure for the said purposes during the said ensuing fiscal year.

JOHN EDELSTEIN,
CHARLES W. ALLEN,
JOHN KENNY,
GEORGE R. HILLIER,
G. W. PETERSON.
Committee of the Whole.

The ayes and nays having been called the report was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That the President of this Board be and is hereby directed to have a general supervision and control of all matters committed to this Board and the several departments thereof, as provided by Sections 128 and 129 of the charter of 1871.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes — President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

On motion of Mr. Kenny the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance, held at the City Hall, Tuesday, August 4, 1891, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

Upon motion for the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 1891, Mr. Kenny called attention to that portion of the opinion of the Corporation Counsel referring to the appropriation of license money for repaving and repair of paved streets. Mr. Kenny desired to be recorded as of the belief that under Chapter 127 of the Laws of 1889, known as the "New Charter," that to the Board of Finance alone belongs the power to appriate the liquor license money, as in reality the Board had done for the years 1889 and 1890, and consequently should do for 1891, and still more so under Chapter 134 of the Laws of 1891, approved March 28, Section 6 of which reads:—

"That it shall be lawful for the Board having charge and control of the finances in any city of the first-class to appropriate annually, with the consent of the Mayor, for the period of six years from the date hereof (or from the time this act becomes applicable) out of the license fees received in such city for licenses to sell spiritous or malt liquors, one-half thereof for the paving, repairing and improving of the paved streets and public places of such city, and said moneys, when so appropriated, shall be disbursed, applied and expended for such purposes exclusively by said Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and by no other Board or authority nor for any other purpose whatever."

"If ever there existed a doubt," said he, "up to the present, as to the power of the Board of Finance to appropriate the liquor license moneys (and there never has been a doubt in the minds of the members of this Board at any time), that doubt is removed by Chapter 226 of the Laws of 1891, approved April 14, 1891, which reads:—

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey that it shall be lawful in any city of this State for the Board having charge and control of the finances thereof to appropriate and set apart annually, with the consent of the Mayor, for the period of six years from the date hereof out of the license fees received in such city for licenses to sell spiritous or malt liquors, one-half thereof for the repaving, repairing and improving of paved streets in such city, and said moneys so appropriated shall be disbursed, applied and expended for such purposes exclusively by the Board or department of said city charged with the duty of paving and repairing streets, and by no other Board or authority nor for any other purpose whatever.

"Section II.—And be it enacted that all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act be and the same are repealed, and that this act take effect immediately."

Mr. Kenny also read from the Charter of 1871, Section 129, of which enacted that to the Board of Finance is committed the general management and care of the finances of the city and of the several departments thereof.

"The Corporation Counsel, in his opinion lately given to this Board," said Mr. Kenny, "states that unless modified by subsequent legislation the Street and Water Board, under Chapter 127 of Laws of 1889, and Chapter 134, of the laws of 1891, possess the right to expend the license money without further appropriation. Well, Mr. President, the subsequent legislation is not wanting in Chapter 226, of the Laws of 1891. Therefore, to this Board alone belongs the power to appropriate and apportion the liquor license money and all other moneys and for any purpose whatever. The Treasurer of this city, I have been informed, has undertaken to appropriate the liquor license money. If so, he has done it without any authority, and he has overstepped his duties. It is within the province of this Board alone to do so."

Mr. Kenny then presented the following:—

Resolved, That the following be stricken from the tax levy resolution adopted by the Board, July 23, 1891:—

"New hose, to be of first quality, Eureka brand and capable of withstanding 150 pounds pressure to the square inch," and that the following be substituted therefor:—

"New hose, to be of the brands known as White Diamond or Eureka Brand, first quality, and to stand a test pressure of 400 pounds to the square inch, and any length found defective within three years to be replaced by the manufacturers free of charge."

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 1891, and of the special meeting of July 23, 1891, were approved as amended.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Western Union Telegraph Co. of $1 for time service, Mayor's office, July, 1891.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $29.78 for messenger service, July, 1891.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $76 for printing blanks, manuals, etc.

Claim of H. F. Jones of $25.92 for repairs, etc., City Hall.

The above were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Concurrent resolution of the Board of Aldermen to assign to Earle Linsley certificates of sale No. 217 of lots 6 and 8, block 559, Union street, purchased by the city May 21, 1890, at sale made for unpaid adjusted taxes, etc.

Communication from the Trustees of the Free Public Library requesting an appropriation of $10,000 for their immediate use.

Communication from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, requesting the transfer of unexpended balances.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the City Collector acknowledging the filing in his office of the following assessment maps:—

Improvement of Bright street from Jersey avenue to Brunswick street, $12,602.

Improvement of Twelfth street, from Jersey avenue to Coles street, $2,889.48.

Communication from the City Collector acknowledging the receipt of reports of the Commissioners of Adjustment as follows:—

No. 72, filed July 16, 1891, $139,486.12.

No. 73, filed July 28, 1891, $63.442.41.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Treasurer, giving amount of balances in banks to August 4, 1891, as follows:—

General account, Second National Bank $72,127.39.

General account, Third National Bank, $1,568.85.

General account, Hudson County Bank, $46,429.80.

Water account, Second National Bank, $34,093.81.

Water account, Hudson County Bank, $30,403.73.

Assessment account, Hudson County Bank, $80,298.74.

Special School account, Second National Bank, $91,250.49.

Special Street account, Third National Bank, $34,535.

Special Street account, Hudson County Bank, $71,479.26.

Adjusted liens, Second National Bank, $13,035.38.

Surplus, Hudson County Bank, $17,845.46.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1—Ordering paid the following pay rolls:—

Assessments and extensions, General Superintendent, July, 1891, $989.99.

Assessments and extensions, reassessing, July, 1891, $825.

Assessments and extensions, labor on meters, July, 1891, $465.

Assessments and extensions, Register, etc., July, 1891, $3,068.31.

Assessments and extensions, repairing water gates, July, 1891, $308.

Assessments and extensions, watching pipes, July, 1891, $246.

2—Five (5) requisitions—Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7—for certain supplies.

3—Two (2) resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance, reported the following resolution and recommended its adoption:—

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Aldermen July 20, 1891, to wit:—

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance an assignment be made by the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City to Earle Insley of certificate of sale No. 217 of Lots 6 and 8 Union street, block 559, purchased by the city May 21, 1890, at tax sale made under the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Laws of 1886 and the several supplements thereto by the City Collector to the city upon the payment to the City Treasurer of the amount for which said lots were purchased by the City, with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum to the date of payment, together with all costs and charges incurred by the city relative thereto, and that upon such payment to the City Treasurer a proper assignment of such certificate to be approved by the Corporation Counsel be delivered to said Earle Insley under the seal of the city and the hand of the Mayor, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance.

The report was received and the resolution concurred in by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and recommended that the same be concurred in:—

1. Ordering paid the following pay roll:—

Water Registrar, etc., July, 1891, $3,068.31.

2. Ordering paid the following claims:—

$27 85, George T. Bouton.

$49.32, Hewes & Phillips' Iron Works.

$25 66, $63.20, Frank McDermott.

$37.05, $4.80, $10.50, United Gas Improvement Company.

$77.90, Steele & Condict.

$3.78, $31.40, Wood & Menagh.

$40.85, Thomas Fallon.

3. Awarding contract for the improvement of Cambridge avenue from Griffith to Hutton streets to Patrick Ryan.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the report was received and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Ayes—None.

The same committee reported the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, July 27, 1891, to wit:—

Requisitions Nos. 3 and 4 for certain supplies.

Be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance for the reason that the prices proposed to be paid for such supplies was excessive and above the ordinary market value therefor, as ascertained by your committee after careful inquiry.

The ayes and nays being called on the above resolution, the report was received and the resolution non concurred in by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims and recommended that warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in payment of the same:—

$76, The Jersey City News, printing blanks, manuals, etc.

$25.92, H. F. Jones, repairs at City Hall.

$1, Western Union Telegraph Company, Time service, Mayor's office, July, 1891.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the report was received and the recommendations adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and they are hereby authorized

to borrow on temporary loan bond for the use of the Trustees of the Free Public Library of Jersey City the sum of $10,000 at a rate not exceeding five per cent, said bond with interest to be paid from the appropriation made in the preceding tax levy out of such library appropriation for the deficiency in the present fiscal year and already secured by judgment; and be it further

Resolved, That said sum when borrowed be paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Free Public Library, and that a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for that purpose.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Edelstein, Charles W. Allen, George R. Hillier, John Kenny and George W. Peterson for $125 each, being salaries as members of the Board of Finance for the three months ending July 31, 1891.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be requested to transfer the balance of appropriation for printing ordinances in book form to the credit of appropriation for public grounds and buildings, Board of Street and Water Commissioners, 1890-1891.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer to transfer from adjusted lien account collections, made June 30 to July 31, 1891, as follows:

To water account, $1,558 53, adjusted water rents.

To assessment account, $7,025.03, adjusted assessments.

To general account, $2,088.38, adjusted taxes, 1890.

To tax arrearage fund, 1889, $3,225.86, adjusted taxes, 1889.

To tax arrearage fund, 1888, $3,184.84, adjusted taxes, 1888.

To general account, $20, tax sale advertising fees.

To tax arrearage fund, $24,632.68, adjusted taxes, 1875 to 1887.

To tax arrearage fund, $941.46, interest on adjusted taxes, etc.

To fund 1873, $610.34, adjusted taxes 1872 and previous year.

To fund 1873, $921.92, adjusted taxes 1873 and 1874.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

On motion of Mr. Peterson the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Tuesday, August 18, 1891, at eight o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Hillier and Kenny.

Absent—Messrs. Allen and Peterson.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Theodore Ryerson, attorney for Frank Drosselmeyer for the payment of taxed bill of costs of $25.35 recovered in the First Police Court against the city.

Petition of Mrs. Kate Ryan return of duplicate payment of assessment.

Petition of William F. Ard for return of taxes paid in error.

Petition of George R. Lawrence for return of water rents paid in error.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Evening Journal Association of $25 for advertising sale of water bonds.

Claim of John H. Ficken of $25 for board of horse of Building Inspector to July 31, 1891.

Claim of Henry Gerber of $20 for manifolding clips.

Claim of the Jersey City Electric Light Company of $18 77, electric light, Collector's office, to August 1, 1891.

Claim of the United Gas Improvement Company of $24.45, gas, City Hall, to August 1, 1891.

Claim of C. William Wenner of $16.50 for stationery for Corporation Attorney.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the City Treasurer submitting report of balance in banks to August 18, 1891, as follows:

General Account:

Second National, $67,315.56.
Third National, $3,704 63.
Hudson County National, $45,530.21.
Water Account:
Second National, $37,377.58.
Hudson County National, $42.069.47.
Assessment Account:
Hudson County National, $87,278.02.
Special School Account:
Second National, $91,304.86.
Special Street Account:
Third National, $36,089.57.
Hudson County National, $55,263.70.
Adjusted Liens Account:
Second National, $9,194.64.
Surplus Account:
Hudson County National, $17,845.46.

The above was received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

By Mr. Kenny and carried:

Moved, That the opinion of the Corporation Counsel be requested as to the authority of this Board to obtain detailed statements of all money belonging to the city.

The following communication from the Board of Aldermen was received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

CLERK'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }
JERSEY CITY, Aug. 12, 1891. }

Hon. Board of Finance:

DEAR SIRS—The annexed is a copy of a resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen of Jersey City at its meeting held August 11, 1891.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN E. SCOTT,
City Clerk.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to notify the Board of Finance and Board of Street and Water Commissioners that the appropriation of Board of Aldermen of $500 for publication of ordinances in book form will be needed and used by the Board of Aldermen for the purpose for which it was appropriated, and this Board does not consent to its transfer for any other purpose.

Communication from the Board of Health of the city of Hoboken requesting that action be taken to construct a new outlet for the Ravine Road sewer.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners requesting that $1,000 be placed to the credit of account for Engineering Bureau for the current fiscal year.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1—Ordering paid the following pay rolls:—

Assessments and extensions—Repairing water pipe. July, 1891, $2,670.75.

Assessments and extensions—Laying water pipe, July, 1891, $3,362.75.

Assessments and extensions—Repaving over water pipe, July, 1891, $613.25.

2—Authorizing the purchase of lots 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, block 929, northeast corner of Columbia avenue and Zabriskie street, at not exceeding $3,000, for public school purposes.

3—Appointing John C. Sweeney as Commissioner on behalf of Jersey City on contemplated sewer between Jersey City and West Hoboken.

4.—Two (2) resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and recommended that the same be concurred in:—

1.—Appointing John C. Sweeney as Commissioner on behalf of Jersey City on contemplated joint sewer between Jersey City and West Hoboken.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report was received and the resolution concurred in by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Allen and Peterson.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the following resolutions and recommended their adoption:—

1. Ordering paid $208.33 each to the Jersey City News, Evening Journal, New Jersey Staats Zeitung and Jersey City Herald for printing official minutes during the month of August, 1891, when due.

2. Ordering the drawing of warrants in payment of salaries of the regular monthly pay roll for August, 1891, when due.

3. Ordering paid $30 to C. S. Westervelt for extra services in itemizing reports of

Commissioners of Adjustment during August, 1891, when due.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the report was received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Allen and Peterson.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer in payment of September, 1891, interest, as follows:

On General Account, $5,600.

On General Account, to pay assessment bonds, $1,592.50.

On Water Account, $19,145.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for $15,000 on account of county taxes for 1890.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Mrs. Kate Ryan for $18.84 (including $4 advertising fee and 89 cents interest), to return duplicate payment of assessments as adjusted on Lot E, Block 316.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That in accordance with section 33 of a supplement to the Act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the local government of Jersey City," approved March 24, 1873, a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for $2,270 to transfer that amount from assessment to General Account, to be credited to the appropriation for Engineering Bureau, Board of Street and Water Commissioners, 1890-91, the same being the amount for services rendered by said Bureau and included in the expenses for the following improvements:—

Woodward street improvement, Grand street to Canal	$270
Irving street improvement, Central to Nelson avenue	185
Whiton street improvement, Communipaw avenue to Maple street.	260
Water avenue improvement, Montgomery to Vroom street	485
Monmouth street improvement, Grand street to Railroad avenue.	460
Ocean avenue sewer, Seaview to Gates avenue, etc	150
Hopkins avenue sewer, Central to Palisade avenue	460
Total	$2,270

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Allen and Peterson.

By Mr. Kenny and carried:—

Moved, That the Clerk of the Board be directed to notify the Board of Street and Water Commissioners that the sum of $873.15 remains unexpended out of the monies set apart in the contingent fund of this Board for the payment of claims incurred by former Boards of Public Works in accordance with Chapter 20, Laws of 1889, and request them to certify claims to said amount to this Board for payment.

On motion of Mr. Hillier the Board adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance, held at the City Hall, Tuesday, September 1, 1891, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Absent—All the members.

In the absence of a quorum the Clerk declared the meeting adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

A special meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Wednesday, September 9, 1891, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Kenny and Peterson.

Absent—Messrs. Allen and Hillier.

The call of the meeting, which was for the transaction of general business was read by the clerk.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of John B. Shotwell for return of $62.41 surplus paid in redemption of lands sold for unpaid adjusted taxes, etc.

Petition of George Stetler for return of duplicate payment of water rents.

Petition of M. Hoos for return of duplicate payment of water rents.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of the American District Telegraph Co., of $34.24 for messenger service. August, 1891.

Claim of F. Heppenheimer's Sons, of $25 for lithographing.

Claim of F. Heppenheimer's Sons, of $60.50 for lithographing.

Claim of Frank McDermott of $60 for ice to September 1, 1891.

Claim of the United Gas Improvement Co., of $16.05, gas, City Hall, August, 1891.

Claim of C. William Wenner & Co., of $9, for stationery for Corporation Counsel.

The above were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications from His Honor the Mayor were received, ordered spread upon the minutes and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
JERSEY CITY, Sept. 9, 1891.

To the Board of Finance:

GENTLEMEN:—With the concurrence of your Board the Board of Street and Water Commissioners advertised for water pipe. The contract was awarded to the lowest bidder and the resolution awarding it was sent to your Board for concurrence.

Some of the pipe was greatly needed and the Chief Engineer telephoned to the clerk of your Board to know whether the resolution had been concurred in and was informed that it had been. He then requested the contractors to forward the pipe as soon as possible. The first of it was delivered in May last and the balance shortly after. Much of it was laid, some of it to complete the water supply of the United States Express Company and other large consumers who needed it. The contractor furnishing the pipe, who accommodated the Chief Engineer by prompt shipment, cannot be paid, because the contract has not been concurred in, the information received in May turning out to have been incorrect. This is the state of the case as it is represented to me. The matter has probably been overlooked, and I respectfully suggest that such action be taken as may seem to you just and proper in view of the facts.

Very respectfully,
ORESTES CLEVELAND.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
JERSEY CITY, Sept. 9, 1891.

To the Board of Finance.

GENTLEMEN:—

I am under the impression that the collections of adjusted liens under what is known as the Martin Act, so far as they have been collected from the adjustment of arrears of assessments for improvements, have been diverted from the purpose intended by the act. The act intended that these collections should be used to extinguish the debt created to carry these liens, or what are known as adjustment or assessment bonds, but the money, I think, has been ordered by your board to be put in the account called assessment account and used to take up improvement certificates. These improvement certificates are issued to enable the city to pay for an improvement that has been ordered because the assessment upon this property cannot be collected in time.

The certificates bear interest, and are due in one year. Collections are then made to meet them from assessments on the property benefitted by the improvement. There are property owners who do not pay up, and so a balance is left not provided for at maturity.

To pay these balances, the city holds a lien on the property assessed. Many years ago there were so many of certificates unpaid from collections that the amounts were funded in city bonds. Many property owners claimed that the assessments on their property were not fairly levied, and they did not pay up for that reason. Others were unable to pay. Other cities were in the same trouble, and a general law was passed authorizing a readjustment of these arrears, and the moneys collected from such readjusted liens or arrears were to be used to pay off as far as they would go, the bonds originally issued to carry the liens.

But I am under the impression that your Board has collections from that object, and used them to pay off matured improvement certificates issued to make new improvements, and if so, that should be corrected. It is a violation of the spirit, if not of the letter of the law.

And while correcting this matter there is another practice that has obtained without any intentional impropriety, but that needs to be corrected. The expenses attendant upon executing the Act referred to have been very large. The Act requires that they should be paid out of the first moneys collected, but that has not been done. Whenever the amounts collected from arrears of taxes, arrears of assessments and arrears of water rents have amounted to any considerable sum the amount has been divided between the different accounts by your Board without reference to the expenses, and then when a call has been made by the Adjustment Commissioners for funds for their salaries and other expenses, a warrant has been ordered drawn upon the general account adjusted lien account as if it had not already been divided and exhausted.

These expenses now stand as a deficiency and a proper adjustment should be made so that each account shall bear

its proper proportion and the apparent deficiency disappear.

Another matter in this connection needs attention. The law authorizing an adjustment of assessments, also authorizes an adjustment of arrears of water rents. This has been done, and the collections from this source should go to the Sinking Fund for the redemption of water bonds, but instead the amounts have gone into the general water account and have been there expended. These irregularities were inherited from the former city government, but they should be stopped for the future and a proper adjustment made for the past.

It may be my own fault that I did not know until today that your board was pursuing the course pointed out, and I am sure you will be glad to have the matters adjusted.

Very respectfully,
ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The following communication was received, referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions and the Corporations and ordered spread in full on the minutes.

JERSEY CITY, August 28, 1891.
To the Hon. Board of Finance of Jersey City.

GENTLEMEN:—I am directed by the Commissioners of the joint outlet sewer for Jersey City and West Hoboken to notify your honorable body that the Commissioners have organized by the election of John F. Nolan as chairman, and that the Commissioners are ready to proceed with the construction of the sewer as soon as your Board provides the means of payment for the same. The maps, plans, preliminary assessment and estimates have been filed in the office of the Street and Water Commissioners and all necessary preliminaries of the law complied with.

I have the honor to remain
Very truly yours,
JAMES MOYLAN.
Engineer.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was received, ordered spread in full upon the minutes and filed, and the Clerk directed to forward a copy to the City Treasurer:—

Honorable Board of Finance of Jersey City:

SIRS—My opinion has been requested as to whether your Board can require the City Treasurer to report at stated periods the balances of cash to the credit of the Sinking Fund Commissioners with the names of the banks wherein deposited and the amount on deposit in each bank.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund constitute a department of the city government, vested with certain defined duties, over the redemption and payment of the city debt; they are as much a part of the city government as the Board of Police Commissioners; for instance: the moneys entrusted to their supervision belong to the municipality, although set apart for specific purposes, to the same extent as the appropriations set apart annually to any of our Administrative Boards.

The City Treasurer is entrusted with the custody of all moneys belonging to the city, including the cash under the control of the Sinking Fund Commissioners (see Section 28 of the Charter of 1871); he acts as the custodian of all funds of the city, irrespective of the source from whence the same may be derived or the purpose to which they may be appropriated. The present Sinking Fund Commission in Jersey City was originally established under the provisions of Section 184 of Chapter 511 of the Laws of 1870 (the act to consolidate the cities of Jersey City, Hudson and Bergen); it then consisted of the Mayor, Treasurer, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Commission was retained under the charter of 1871, but by section 169 of that act, the personnel of the Board was changed so that the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation became ex-officio the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. This continued until the new Charter of 1889, when by Section 17 of that act the Mayor was authorized to appoint a Sinking Fund Commission of three members, and under the Act of 1891 (Chapter 112) his Honor the Mayor was constituted ex-officio a member of the Commission. During all these years and differently constituted commissions the City Treasurer has continued to act (and properly so) as to the Treasurer and disbursing officer of the fund.

Under Section 133 of the Charter of 1871 your Board is required from time to time to fix the terms upon which the funds of the City Treasury may be deposited in bank, including the rate of interest to be allowed the city upon such deposits, and the rate of interest to be paid by the city to the bank on loans, which terms shall be uniform for all the banks; the section further provides that "the moneys in the City Treasury shall be deposited and kept in equal proportions as nearly as practicable in all the city banks that may be willing to comply with such terms, and the money which said city may need to borrow from the city banks shall be borrowed in equal proportions, as nearly as practicable, from each of them, provided that when any of said banks shall decline to make its fair proportion of the loans required by said city, the deposits with said banks shall be diminished accordingly, and for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section, the City Treasurer shall make his deposits and direct his drafts under the general supervision of said Board of Finance and Taxation."

This section covers the moneys uninvested in the hands of the Sinking Fund Commissioners. In order to carry out its provisions in a spirit of fairness it is essential that your Board should know the amount of all deposits in and loans from each bank from time to time. The Treasurer of the city alone officially possesses this information. Under Section 38 of the supplement of March 24, 1873, it is made the duty of each and every officer of the city, upon the request of your board or a committee thereof to furnish for examination every record, book, file or other paper pertaining to the business of the city in his possession or under his control, "and to give all requisite information in regard thereto." Under these sections you have the right to require the City Treasurer to report at stated periods the cash balances to the credit of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, with the names of the banks wherein deposited, and the amount on deposit in each bank,

with which request the City Treasurer should at once comply. As a matter of official courtesy it might be well to request the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners for the same information. I have not dwelt upon the duties of the City Comptroller in these matters; they are merely supervisory, and are found in Section 6 of the Supplement of March 21, 1874: He is not the Custodian of the fund, and should not be called upon for the information.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM D. EDWARDS, C. C.

The following communication from the City Treasurer was received and ordered filed and spread in full upon the minutes:

JERSEY CITY, Sept. 9, 1891.

To the Board of Finance:—

GENTLEMEN:—Enclosed please find sheet of bank balances of the several accounts over which you have control. Also, by consent of members of the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners of bank balances of the several accounts over which they have control.

Respectfully yours, etc.,
J. B. CLEVELAND, Treasurer.

Daily bank balances September 9, 1891:

General account, Second National Bank	$29,599 75
General account, Third National Bank	934 33
General account, Hudson County National Bank	18,474 07
Water account, Second National Bank	40,806 59
Water account, Hudson County National Band	66,518 84
Assessment account, Second National Bank	86,122 18
Special school account, Second National Bank	84,508 04
Special street account, Third National Bank	22,442 26
Special street account, Hudson County National Bank	50,049 62
Adjusted liens, Second National Bank	16,632 79
Surplus account, Hudson County National Bank	17,845 46

Daily bank balances, sinking fund, September 9, 1891:—

Tax arrearage fund	$41,232 04
Tax arrearge fund, 1888	14,873 95
Tax arrearage fund, 1889	11,664 55
Sinking fund, 1873	61,374 38
Sinking fund, 1882—No. 1	690 22
Sinking fund, 1882—No. 2	2,559 54
Sinking fund, 1888	436 47
Sinking fund, 1889—No. 1	573 02
Sinking fund, 1889—No. 2	764 32
Water arrearage fund	1,159 66
Water arrearage fund, 1916	14,000 00
Special General account	12,934 28
Special general account bonds, May 1	37,000 00
Special water account bonds, May 1	4,000 00

The following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Ordering paid the following claims, incurred in November, 1882, by the former Board of Public Works, for repairs of streets in excess of appropriations:

$70, Bernard Keilt, services as foreman.

$70, John Clougher, services as foreman.

$24, Andrew Weldon, services as laborer.

2. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:

Pumping and Reservoir—Belleville and High Service, July 1891, $5,163 64.

Assessments and Extentions—Water Registrar, etc., August, 1891, $3,068.31.

Assessments and Extensions—Re-assessors, August, 1891, $412.50.

Assessments and Extensions—General Superintendent, etc., August, 1891, $989.-99.

Assessments and Extensions—Labor on meters, August, 1891, $465.

3. Awarding contract to John Nolan for the improvement of Kensington avenue from Bergen auenue to a point 750 feet west thereof.

4. Awarding contract to Robert J. Clarkson for the improvement of North street from Durham to Central avenues.

5. Three (3) resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and recommended that the same be concurred in:

1. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:

Assessments and extensions—Re-assessors, June, 1891	$712 50
Assessments and extensions—Re-assessors, July, 1891	825 00
Assessments and extensions—Re-assessors, August, 1891	412 50
Assessments and extensions—General Superintendent, etc., June, 1891	989 99
Assessments and extensions—General Superintendent, etc., July, 1891	989 99
Assessments and extensions—General Superintendent, etc., August, 1891	989 99
Assessments and extensions—Water Registrar, etc., August, 1891	3,068 31

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

3. Ordering paid the following claims incurred in 1882 for repairing streets in excess of appropriations the amount to be paid out of contingent fund Board of Finance, 1890-91:—

$70, Bernard Keilt.

$70, John Clougher.

$24, Andrew Weldon.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the report was received and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Kenny and Paterson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Allen and Hillier.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims and recommended that warrants be ordered drawn in payment of the same:—

$25, Evening Journal Association, advertising sale of Water Bonds.

$20, Henry Gerber, manifolding clips.

$18.77, Jersey City Electric Light Company, lighting Collector's office to August 1, 1891.

$60, Frank McDermott; ice, City Hall to September 1, 1891.

$9. C. William Wenner & Co., stationery for Corporation Counsel.

$16.50, C. William Wenner & Co., stationery for Corporation Attorney.

The ayes and nays having been called upon each of the above resolutions, the report was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Allen and Hillier.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

In this order Mr. Kenny addressed the Board as follows, the Clerk being directed to transcribe his remarks and spread the same in full upon the minutes:—

MR. PRESIDENT:—Since the past full meeting of this Board something of a revolutionary nature has taken place. The Treasurer and Comptroller have defiantly trampled upon the law and have set the authority of this Board at defiance for the first time in its history. Has anything like it ever been hinted at? It only remains for this Board to assert the powers which have been given to it by the Legislature, or to permit each individual in connection with the city government to act as he may please. It looks just as if we had arrived at that very condition of things. I have formed these opinions from reported interviews and the action of the Treasurer in paying out large sums of money for claims of the Street and Water Board out of the liquor license moneys without its being first appropriated by this Board. It is a gross irregularity, and if a violation of law, which I believe it to be, amounts to both malfeasance and misfeasance in office. There can be no excuse for the action of the Treasurer and Comptroller, as both well know that the liquor license money for the year 1889 and 1890 was apportioned by the Board of Finance under the provisions of the charter of 1871, which gives to the Board the management and care of the finances of the city. Whence came the necessity for a different course this year, and by whom were they instigated to do as they have done? It seems more than that to me, knowing the Comptroller as I do, a man in whose keeping I would place my life, and the official who is charged with the duty by the sixth section of the supplement to the charter, passed in 1874, of reporting to the Board of Aldermen and Board of Finance at their first meeting thereafter any irregularities in the receipt or disbursement of moneys by the City Collector, City Treasurer or City Clerk. I think, Mr. President, that it is right that I should refer again to the opinion of the Corporation Counsel lately given to this Board as to his interpretation of Chapter 127, Laws 1889, Section 12. In it he says that the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were vested with the right to expend, without further appropriation, for the purposes named, the one-half of the license fees collected for the years 1889, 1890 and 1891, and still possess that right unless modified by subsequent legislation. There has been subsequent legislation in the shape of Chapter 206, Laws of 1891, which repeals every law that preceded it that was in any way inconsistent with its provisions, yet it was not necessary, for by the very section (Section 12) of the Charter of 1889 quoted by the Corporation Counsel, the money should be set apart and kept as a separate fund before it could be used, for by referring to Section 13 of the same act I find that no contract shall be binding upon the city or become effective or operative until said bonds are approved by the Board of Finance, and no such contractor shall commence any such work or incur any expense whatever to be paid by the city or by assessment upon property, as the case may be, until the Board of Finance approve of the bonds. Here are the very moneys, set apart by whom does not matter, and yet they cannot be used by contract until the Board of Finance first approve of the contractor's bonds as to sufficiency. The principle is clearly established by Section 13 that to the Board of Finance alone belong the power and the duty of managing and caring for the finances of the city. Section 13 is still in force, notwithstanding the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, and no contract can be valid for any work done by the liquor license money until it is approved by this Board. Section 22, Chapter 134 of the Laws of 1891 limits the powers transferred. It does not affect Jersey City; it was meant for the city of Newark alone. Section 22 reads:

"And be it enacted, That whenever there shall now or hereafter exist in any city of the first class any limitation on the powers transferred by the act to said Board of Street and Water Commissioners by requiring a concurrence of any separate Board or municipal officer (other than said Board of Common Council, Board of Aldermen, Board of Street and Water Commissioners or Street Commissioner) that this act shall not be construed as dispensing with such concurrence, but no concurrence of any Board of Common Council, Board of Aldermen, Board of Street and Water Commissioners or Street Commissioner shall be necessary in any case under this act in reference to any of the powers of said Board which are, under this act, transferred to said Board of Street and Water Commissioners." So that it is plain, Mr. President, that whatever powers this Board possessed previous to the passage of this act have been expressly continued.

Right here, Mr. President, permit me to say that to the Hon. Dennis McLaughlin is due the retention of the concurrent power by the Board of Finance, who thereby have saved the taxpayers of this city much, so much that the wisest cannot imagine, and no one but the Almighty can tell. I do hope that while Mr. McLaughlin takes any part as a leader in the politics of this city, and may it be for many years to come, that he will always oppose by every means within his power the taking away from this Board by legislative enactment, the concurrent power it now possesses. This Board has never questioned the right of the Street and Water Board to expend every cent of the one-half of the liquor license money without let or hindrance, after it was set aside for that purpose by this Board, and used for the purpose named in the act. It is rather a dangerous thing to expend moneys without their being first appropriated. Chapter 3, Laws of 1876, Section 1, says:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New

Jersey, That if any Board of Chosen Freeholders or any Township Committee or any Board of Aldermen or Common Councilmen, or any Board of Education or any Board of Commissioners of any county, township, city, town, or borough in this State, or any committee or member of any such Board or Commission shall disburse, order or vote for the disbursements of public moneys, in excess of the appropriation respectively to any such Board or Committee or shall incur obligations in excess of the appropriations and limit of expenditure provided by law for the purposes respectively of any such Board or Committee, the members thereof, and each member thereof thus disbursing, ordering or voting for the disbursement and expenditure of public moneys or thus incurring obligations in excess of the amount appropriated and limit of expenditure as now or hereafter appropriated and limited by law, shall be severally deemed guilty of malfeasance in office, and on being thereof convicted shall be punished by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or imprisonment at hard labor for any term not exceeding three years, or both, at the discretion of the Court."

It is really astonishing to contemplate the action of the Treasurer and Comptroller. If they can do as they please the Board of Finance had best abdicate at once. Chapter 226 of the laws of 1891, which was never taken into consideration by the Corporation Counsel when interpreting the charter of 1889 and Chapter 134 of the Laws of 1891, leaves his opinion worthless so far as apportioning the liquor license money. I will recite it. Chapter 226 says:—"It shall be lawful in any city of this State for the board having charge and control of the finances thereof to appropriate and set apart annually, with the consent of the Mayor, for the period of six years from the date hereof out of the license fees received in such city for licenses to sell spirituous or malt liquors, one-half thereof for the repaving, reopening and improving of paved streets in such city, and said moneys so appropriated shall be disbursed exclusively by the board or department of such city charged with the duty of paving and repairing streets, and by no other board or authority, nor for any other purpose whatever.

"Section 2. And be it enacted that all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this act shall take effect immediately."

The Treasurer by his act nullifies the will of the Legislature, which said it shall take effect at once. The Treasurer says that it is not to take effect until next year, and that it was only intended to apply for five years, while the Legislature says six years. I wonder what the Governor of the State will say, he who signed it, and as an able lawyer knows what its meaning is and what is intended by it. Now, it may be that the Treasurer has apportioned the money for the schools, also, perhaps, with the sinking fund thrown in. Strange things happen often. Indeed, this would be one of them.

Under Chapter 134 of the laws of this year it is made the duty of the Board of Finance to appropriate and set apart within four months from the approval of the act $10,000 for the purpose of providing a fund for the Stseet and Water Board to enable them to repair and reset curbstones and sidewalks. Many may say that if gone into the sinking fund that it is in a good place. That is not the question. The Legislature said it should be set apart for a specific purpose, and it must. No person or authority can tamper with the finances of the city but this board. We have not acted as yet, owing to the statements of the city funds made by the Treasurer to this Board. I propose, Mr. President, that this matter shall receive attention this evening. If the Treasurer is reported correctly in the *Evening Journal* of August 12, he has shown a want of knowledge of the duties of his office. He is reported as having said or indicated that he believed the Board of Finance had asked for too much. He gave them all the information they were entitled to. He did not propose to allow the Financiers to meddle with something with which they have nothing to do, and with matters out of the jurisdiction of the Board of Finance. We shall see if the Treasurer is right in his conclusions.

Section 133 of the charter of 1871 says: "The Board of Finance shall from time to time fix the terms upon which the funds in the city treasury may be deposited in bank, including among such terms the rate of interest to be allowed by the bank to the city upon deposits, and the rate of interest to be paid to the bank on loans, and said terms shall be the same for all the banks now existing in the city, and the moneys in the city treasury shall be deposited and kept in equal proportions as nearly as practicable in all of the city banks that may be willing to comply with such terms, and the money which said city may need to borrow from the city banks shall be borrowed in equal proportions, as nearly as practicable, from each of them. Provided that when any of said banks decline to make its fair proportion of the loans required by said city, the deposits with said bank shall be diminished according, and for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the section the City Treasurer shall make his deposits and direct his drafts under the general supervision and control of the Board of Finance."

That is the law, Mr. President, and there is no way of escaping it. It is for the very purpose of performing his duties in strict accordance with this law and all other laws pertaining to his duties that he gives bonds in a large amount. I would ask the City Treasurer how the Board of Finance could carry into effect the provisions of this section unless they get from him a correct statement of the finances in the city treasury. He must know by this time that he can deposit no moneys in any bank and only in amount as this board directs, and that his drafts upon the banks must be made also under the supervision and control of this board. Sections like 133 of the charter of 1871 are running through the statutes. Section 1 of an act approved March the 9th, 1877, says:

"That it shall be lawful hereafter for the Board of Finance or other board or department having charge of the finances of any city to prescribe by resolution the mode and manner of payment of all interest that may fall due

on any city indebtedness, whether the same be interest on bonds registered or coupon, or upon any other class or character of indebtedness.

The City Comptroller would do well by paying particular attention hereafter to the provisions of Section 134 of the Charter of 1871, and report to this Board any infraction thereof relative to the manner of disbursing moneys from the city treasury. I do trust that hereafter the Treasurer will comply with the resolutions of the Board asking for any informations about the moneys in the city treasury and under his charge.

The charter is silent upon the question of city officers asking for opinions from the Corporation Counsel. Of his giving them when asked about the good taste or judgment of asking or giving them, under such circumstances, I will say nothing. Under the supplement to the charter of 1871, passed in 1873, Section 55, it is made the duty of the Corporation Counsel to give written opinions to the Mayor and the various Boards of the city government upon all questions arising in relation to their official duties. Section 31 of the charter of 1889 makes ample provisions for the removal from office of any of the appointees of His Honor the Mayor for cause, with the exception of the Board of Finance, Corporation Counsel and Corporation Attorney. Under Section 32 of the charter of 1871, this Board may by resolution employ additional counsel and pay him out of the moneys appropriated to the use of the Board, and can sue any of the city Boards It is now left to you gentlemen to apply any of these remedies you think best as prescribed by the law. I have no feeling in this matter any further than a wish to perform my share of the duties as a member of the Board. They are none of my making, but are imposed upon me by the law. I have sworn to perform those duties to the best of my ability. I have done nothing in connection with the matter but what I believe to be my duty. I have done it without fear, favor or friendship. The day that I cannot perform my duties to Jersey City after this manner will find my resignation in the hands of His Honor the Mayor. This Board owes it as a duty to themselves and to the city at large that every duty imposed upon us is carried out to the letter no matter who stands in the way. I had this idea in mind when at the special meeting of July 23d I had the following resolution passed, giving to the president in a measure all the power and authority of this Board relative to all matters committed to it at all times. The president could act promptly without calling the Board to act:

"Resolved, That the president of this Board be and he is hereby directed to have a general supervision and control of all matters committed to this Board and the several departments thereof as provided by sections 128 and 129 of the charter of 1871."

As to the sinking funds, this Board have a great deal to do with them under many acts of the Legislature and cannot perform their duties with regard to them unless they know their condition, as for instance, when in three or four months from now this Board will have to refund the bonds falling due on November 1 for $100,000, January 1, 1892, for $748,000, and February 1, 1892, for $152,000, the Board of Finance cannot issue a single bond until the sinking fund is exhausted. This Board cannot perform its duties if the present condition of affairs is permitted any longer. It must stop.

Mr. Kenny then presented the following resolution:

Rasolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to send notices to the presidents of all the city banks requesting their attendance at the next regular meeting of this Board, to be held Tuesday, September 15, 1891, at 8 o'clock p. m., at the City Hall, for the purpose of conferring as to the rate of interest to be paid by the banks to the city on its deposits and the rate of interest to be paid to the city on loans.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mesrs. Allen and Hillier.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of James L. Manning, attorney for Michael J. McMahon for $87.50, being amount of judgment and costs recovered June 17, 1891, in a suit before the District Court wherein the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City were defendants, and that the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow said amounts on temporary loan bonds at not exceeding five per cent. per annum the repayment of which shall be provided for in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George Steller for $7.15 to return duplicate payment of water rents for 1891 on lot 15, block 849, No. 62 Beach street, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $14.40 in favor of Mr. Hoos to return duplicate payment of water rents for 1891 on lot 26, block 126, No. 61 Newkirk street, and that the water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That in order to provide a principal fund to enable the Board of Street and Water Commissioners to repair and reset curbstone and sidewalks or flagstone in front of the property of any owner or owners so refusing after notice the sum of $10,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the license fees received by the city for permission to sell spirituous and malt liquors, and that said fund and all moneys collected by the city from assessments made under this section (Section 4, Chapter 134, Laws of 1891), shall be kept apart and used from time to time by said Board of Street and Water Commissioners for the purpose of repairing and resetting curbstones, sidewalks and flagstones on the streets of the city and for no other purpose whatever; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be directed to make the appropriation aforesaid on the books of the city.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby directed to set apart one-quarter of all license fees received for licenses to sell spirituous or malt liquors from July 1, 1891, to July 1, 1892, or any

part of said term, to the credit of special school account of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for the construction and furnishing of buildings for the Public School Department of the city in accordance with the provisions of the new Charter of 1889, said one-quarter of such license fees being hereby appropriated by this Board for the purpose aforesaid.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby directed to set apart one-half of all license fees received for licenses to sell spirituous or malt liquors from July 1, 1891, to July 1, 1892, or any part of said term to the credit of the special street account of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for the repair and improvement of paved streets in accordance with the provisions of the new charter of 1889 and Chapter 134 of the Laws of 1891, said one half of such license fees being hereby appropriated by this Board for the purposes aforesaid.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Allen and Hillier.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance, held in the City Hall, Tuesday, September 15, 1891, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Catherine Foran for return of duplicate payment of taxes.

Petition of Delia F. McLaughlin for return of $2,305.20 surplus paid in redemption of lands sold for unpaid adjusted taxes, etc.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance.

Communication from the Sixth District Citizens' Improvement Association in relation to the water supply of the city.

Received and ordered filed.

Communications from Geo. W. Young, Secretary of the N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Company; J. W. Hardenbergh, Cashier of Hudson County National Bank, and J. G. Haskings, Cashier of Second National Bank, conveying regrets at the inability of the Presidents of their respective institutions to attend the conference with Board of Finance.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the publisher of the N. J. Staats Zeitung requesting instructions as to whether the official minutes shall be printed in his paper in the English or German language.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The following communication was received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

BELLEVILLE, N. J., Sept. 14, 1891.

To the Hon. Board of Finance of Jersey City.

GENTLEMEN:—We, the employes of the Street and Water Board at the Belleville Pumping Station, appeal to you to pass our pay rolls for the last four (4) months; and also in the future to endeavor to let us have our money as quickly as possible after the Street and Water Board has passed the pay roll. Taking advantage of the present crisis the money lenders have advanced their percentage from 3 per cent. to 10 per cent.

Gentlemen, we cannot afford to pay such an amount, and we should not be required to do so. We are paid a low rate of wages for the work we perform. For instance, a general workman receives $55 per month. The amount left to him after paying 10 per cent. commission is easily figured:—

Wages		$55 00
Ten per cent. commission	$5 50	
Railroad fare	5 20	
		10 70
Leaving him		$44 30

Gentlemen, we know that you can, and we have full and implicit confidence that you will, enable us to obtain our money more regularly in the future, so that we may not be the victims of unscrupulous shylocks who are growing rich through ourmisfortunes.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servants,
The Employes of the Street and Water Board at the Belleville Pumping Station.

Signed by William R. Cords, eight other engineers, twelve firemen, two coal passers, two machinists, two masons, carpenter, blacksmith and helper and eighteen general workmen.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of R. Lightfoot of $5.80 for typewriting.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication from the Mayor was ordered spread in full upon the minutes, and referred to the Committee of the Whole:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
JERSEY CITY, Sept. 15, 1891.

To the Board of Finance:

GENTLEMEN—Your attention is respectfully called to the fact that City Bonds will be payable:

Nov. 1, next assessment account.	$100,000
Dec. 1. next water account	248,000
Jan. 1. next assessment account.	548,000
Jan. 1. next general account	200,000
Feb. 1. next assessment account.	152,000
Total	$1,248,000

To meet these payments the Sinking Fund, or, perhaps more properly, the aggregate Sinking Funds, contain $150,288 in cash, and hold securities that will become due and payable to them amounting to $36,750.

In addition there is due from the tax levy of 1889, not yet paid over, the sum of	$5,090
In addition there is due from the tax levy of 1890 not yet paid over the sum of	40,100
In addition there is due from the tax levy of 1891, to be paid over December 1 next	40 100
Total	$85,290

And the amount when paid over will be available for the redemption of above bonds.

RECAPITULATION.

Amount of bonds to be paid by Feb. 1	$1,248,000
Sinking Funds available by that time	272,328
Leaving to be provided for	$975,672

To provide this amount there will need to be issued new bonds to the extent of $1,000,000, and $85,290 will have to be paid into the Sinking Fund from general account in addition, but this last amount will probably be an easy matter because it can be paid out of the taxes received in December.

The issue of $1,000,000 of new bonds divolves upon your board, and is a matter so important that I am constrained to suggest that action be taken at an early day. Very respectfully

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The following communications were received and ordered filed:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
JERSEY CITY, Sept. 15, 1891.

To the Board of Finance:

GENTLEMEN—Inclosed is a communication from the employes at Belleville, to whom I have repliedthat the matter named therein is not within my jurisdiction.

Very respectfully,
ORESTES CLEVELAND.

To the Hon. Orestes Cleveland, Mayor of Jersey City:

Sir—The undersigned, a committee of the employes of the Street and Water Board at the Belleville Pumping Station, most respectfully place before your Honor a copy of a petition to be presented to the Board of Finance at its next meeting, on September 15. It was presented at the last meeting of the Board, but not accepted, as it was then unsigned. We would request most earnestly that your Honor take an interest in our affairs, as it is of the most vital importance that these payrolls should be passed at this meeting of the Board. We have been selling our pay heretofore to note shavers at 3 per cent discount. Taking advantage of the present deadlock they have gradually raised it to 10 per cent, and have now notified us that they can take no more, even at this outrageous rate. As we have to pay our railroad fare in advance, we will in a very few days be forced to quit work. In consequence the water works will be shut down. Such is the situation, and we appeal to your Honor to take such steps as may be necessary for our relief. And, also, to have such provision made in the future so that we may receive our wages more regularly. It is an awful inconvenience not to be able to tell our trades people and landlords when we will be apt to pay them. If some day in the month could be set as a pay day it would save us great misery and also a great deal of money. We would not then be viewed with suspicion by every tradesman when we enter his store, as they cannot understand why it is that in a large city, where they pay heavy taxes, the city's employes are not paid regularly.

Your Honor, as Chief Executive of this large city, we look to you for relief.

Hoping that our simple request for the very little that justly belongs to us will meet with your entire approbation, and that you will assist us in every way in your power, we have the honor to be very respectfully, Your Honor's most obedient servants,

WILLIAM R. CORDS,
Chairman.
RICHARD BAMBRICK,
THOMAS J. SCULLY,
Sub-Committee.

Belleville, N. J., Sept. 14, 1891.

The City Comptroller reported the receipts of the City Treasury from September 8 to September 14, 1891, both days included, to be $39,175 31.

The Collector of Arrears of Personal Taxes reported having collected for personal taxes for the year 1890 the sum of $1,647 45.

Received and ordered filed.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Requesting the transfer of $2,916.31 to salary account of current year.

2. Ordering paid James Hart $13.50 for services as laborer in November, 1882, the claim having been incurred in excess of the appropriation.

3. Authorizing the purchase of certain supplies. Requisition No. 8.

4. Two (2) resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

5. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:

Assessments and Extensions—Repairing water pipe, August, 1891, $1,775.

Assessments and Extensions—Laying water pipe, August, 1891, $1,550.

Assessments and Extensions—Excavating rock, August, 1891, $515.

Assessments and Extensions—Paving over water pipe, August, 1891, $447.50.

Assessments and Extensions—Repairing water gates, August, 1891, $308.

Assessments and Extensions—Watching pipe, Communipaw avenue bridge, August, 1891, $130.

The following communication was received from the City Hall Commissioners and ordered filed:—

JERSEY CITY, Sept. 15, 1891.

To the Hon. Board of Finance:

GENTLEMEN—The following resolution was adopted by the City Hall Commissioners at a meeting held Tuesday, September 15, 1891:

Resolved, That in order to provide a fund for the purchase of a site for the new City Hall and the expenses incident thereto, the Board of Finance be requested to provide for an issue of bonds of ($130,000) one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, and to turn over the proceeds thereof as required from time to time for the use of this Commission.

Very respectfully,
D. MCAGHON,
Clerk, pro tem.

President Edelstein offered the following resolution in connection therewith:

Resolved, That the communication on file just received from the City Hall Commission be referred to the Committee on Finance, with power to prepare a form of bond to be issued to raise funds for the purpose of purchasing a site for and erecting a new city hall and to arrange for the issuance thereof.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was unanimously adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and recommended the same be concurred in:

1. Ordering paid the following payrolls:

Assessments and Extensions—Repaving over pipe, June, 1891, $649.

Assessments and Extensions—Repaving over pipe, July, 1891, $613.25.

2. Ordering paid claim of James Hart, $13.50, incurred in 1882, in excess of appropriation for repairs to streets, to be paid out of contingent fund, Board of Finance, 1890-91.

3. Two (2) resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on the report, it was received and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the following resolutions and recommended their adoption:

1. Ordering paid $208.33 each to the Jersey City News, the Evening Journal, the Jersey City Herald and the New Jersey Staats Zeitung for printing the official minutes during the month of September, 1891, when due.

2. Ordering paid $30 to C. S. Westervelt for extra services in itemizing the reports of the Commissioners of Adjustment during the month of September, 1891, when due.

3. Ordering warrants drawn on the City Treasurer in payment of the regular monthly pay roll for the month of September, 1891, when due.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the report was received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hilier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Henry Traphagen for $14.10 for amount of surplus realized upon the tax sale under Chapter 112 of the laws of 1886 and the supplements thereto, made by the City Collector on March 26, 1890, of lot 27, block 215, Pavonia avenue, over and above the sum as adjusted due the city, with interest, cost and disbursements.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Delia F. McLaughlin for $2,305.20 for amount of surplus realized upon the tax sale under Chapter 112 of the laws of 1886 and the supplements thereto, made by the City Collector on March 26, 1890, of lot P, block 236 Grove street over and above the sum as adjusted due the city, with interest, cost and disbursements, said warrant to be delivered by the City Clerk to the Corporation Counsel, who shall hold the same until all encumbrances and liens on said surplus shall have been paid.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $15,000, on account of county tazes of 1890.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows to be deposited to the credit of October, 1891, interest:

On general account	$33,750
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds	16,065
On water account	42,650
	$92,465

By Mr. Allen,

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer to transfer from adjusted lien account collections made July 31 to August 31, 1891, as follows:

To water account, $1,219.32, adjusted water rents.

To assessment account, $2,435.35, adjusted assessments.

To general account, $1,284.35, adjusted taxes 1890.

To tax arrearage 1889 account, $1,912.28, adjusted taxes 1889.

To tax arrearage 1888 account, $1,633.60, adjusted tax 1888.

To general account, $35, tax sale advertising fees.

To tax arrearage fund, $14,559.39, adjusted taxes 1875 to 1887.

To tax arrearage fund, $738.71, interest on adjusted taxes, etc.

To fund 1873, $230.97, adjusted taxes 1872 and previous years.

To fund 1873, $234.58, adjusted taxes 1873 and 1874.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Catherine Dinan, administratrix of Thos. Dinan, deceased, for $63.90 duplicate payment of taxes made in error on lot 12, block 221, being the amount of taxes for 1877 as adjusted by the Commissioners of Adjustment and which said property was sold, said Catherine Dinan having redeemed said property from said tax sale and also having paid the tax for that year to the City Collector.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Mrs. E. Foran for $35.76, including $4.96 interest, to return duplicate payment of taxes of 1889 on lot 6, block 347, No. 230 Railroad avenue, and that the City Collector be notified.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board June 6, 1891, ordering paid $238.63 to Wm. Doherty to return surplus on tax sale of lot 4, block 137, Newark avenue be and is hereby rescinded, said amount having been included in the resolution passed by this Board January 6, 1891, and that the City Clerk be authorized to cancel said duplicate warrant.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be directed to place to the credit of the Sinking Fund Commissioners all moneys received for license fees for the sale of spirituous or malt liquors from July 1, 1891, to July 1, 1892, or any part of said term not already appropriated by this Board as provided by law.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That all claims of whatsoever kind which have been referred to this Board for action, and which have not yet been finally disposed of, be reported to this Board at its next regular meeting for concurrence or nonconcurrence by whatever committee any such claim is now held.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—Mr. Peterson.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

W. G. German,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Tuesday, September 29, 1891, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

The call for the meeting, which was for the transaction of general business, was read by the Clerk.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

President Edelstein presented the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board at the meeting held September 15, 1891, to wit:

"Resolved, That all claims of whatsoever kind which have been referred to this Board for action, and which have not yet been finally disposed of, be reported to this Board at its next regular meeting for concurrence or non-concurrence by whatever Committee any such claim is now held."

Be and is hereby rescinded.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—Messrs. Allen and Hillier.

On motion the regular order of business was then taken up.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of George H. Bailey for the return of $1,695.49 surplus paid in redemption of lands sold for unpaid adjusted taxes, &c.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of James A. Gordon, attorney for John Daumont, for $187.29, amount of judgment and costs recovered against the city.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Claim of the Jersey City Electric Light Company of $17.03 for lighting City Collector's office, August, 1891.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $22 for printing manuals.

Claim of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, of $23.95, tolls, etc., Board of Finance to July 1, 1891.

Claim of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, of $9 90, tolls, etc., Mayor's office, to July 1, 1891.

Claim of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, of $4 60, tolls, etc., City Clerk's office to July 1, 1891.

Claim of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, of $50.18, tolls, etc., City Treasurer's office to July 1, 1891.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel enclosing copy of order, signed by Judge M. M. Knapp for the payment of expenses incurred by the Commission appointed under Chapter XXX. of the laws of 1889 to fix and monument the boundary lines between Jersey City and Bayonne.

Received and ordered filed.

The following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:—

Assessments and Extensions, Water Registrar, etc., August, 1891, $3,068.31.

Assessments and Extensions, General Superintendent, etc., August, 1891, $989.99.

Assessments and Extensions, labor on meters, August, 1891, $548.33.

Pumping and reservoirs, Belleville and High Service, August, 1891, $5,104.44.

2. Ordering paid the following claims incurred in 1886 and 1887 for repairs to streets, in excess of appropriations—the same to be paid out of Contingent Fund, Board of Finance, 1890-1891.

$26.88 James McDonald, repairs to cart.

$21.92 James McDonald, picks, etc.

$33.10 James McDonald, repairs to wagon.

3. Authorizing the improvement of Jackson avenue from N. & N. Y. R. R. to Claremont avenue.

4. Authorizing the improvement of Eleventh street from Jersey avenue to Coles street.

5. Authorizing the improvement of Ninth street from Monmouth to Brunswick street.

6. Requesting an additional appropriation of $3,000 for cleaning sewers.

7. Two (2) resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and recommended that the same be concurred in:—

1. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:—

Pumping and Reservoirs, Belleville and High Service, May, 1891, $5,349.60.

Pumping and Reservoirs, Belleville and High Service, June, 1891, $5,006.19.

Pumping and Reservoirs, Belleville and High Service, July, 1891, $5,163.64.

Pumping and Reservoirs, Belleville and High Service, August, 1891, $5,104.44.

Assessments and Extensions, laying water pipe, June 1881. $2,847.00.

Assessments and Extensions, laying water pipe, July, 1891, $3,362.75.

Assessments and Extensions, laying water pipe, August, 1891, $1,550.00.

Assessments and Extensions, repairing water pipe, June, 1891, $2,271.50.

Assessments and Extensions, repairing water pipe, July, 1891, $2,670.75.

Assessments and Extensions, repairing water pipe, August, $1,775.00.

Assessments and Extensions, repairing water gates, June, 1891, $258.00.

Assessments and Extensions, repairing water gates, July, 1891, $308 00.

Assessments and Extensions, repairing water gates, August, 1891, $308 00,

Assessments and Extensions, paving over pipe, August, 1891, $447.50.

Assessments and Extensions, watching pipe at bridge, June, 1891, $212.00.

Assessments and Extensions, watching pipe at bridge, July. 1891, $246.00.

Assessments and Extensions, watching pipe at bridge, August, 1891, $130.00.

Assessments and Extensions, labor on meters, June, 1891, $465.00.

Assessments and Extensions, labor on meters, July, 1891, $465.00.

Assessments and Extensions, labor on meters, August, 1891, $465.00.

Assessments and extensions, labor on meters, September, 1891, $548.33.

Assessments and Extensions, Water Registrar, etc., September, 1891, $3,068.31.

Assessments and Extensions, General Superintendent, etc., September, 1891, $989.99.

Assessments and Extensions; Excavating rock, etc., August, 1891, $515.

2. Ordering paid the following claims incurred in November, 1886, and in August and July, 1887, for repairs to streets, in excess of appropriations—the same to be paid out of Contingent Fund, Board of Finance, 1890-1891:

$33 10, James McDonald.
$26.88, James McDonald.
$21.92, James McDonald.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote:

Ayes — President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Kenny and Peterson.

Nay—Mr. Hillier.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the portion of a resolution passed by this Board September 9, 1891, authorizing the Committee on Finance to borrow the sum of $87.50 to pay judgment obtained by James D. Manning, attorney for Michael J. McMahon, be and is hereby rescinded, and the amount is hereby ordered paid from Water account.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of an act entitled "An act to enable cities in this State to furnish suitable accommodations for the transaction of public business," approved April 15, 1887, and the supplements and amendments thereto, the Committee on Finance are authorized to cause to be prepared, executed, sold and delivered, bonds of the city of Jersey City to an amount not exceeding $200,000, with interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum; provided that so much of said bonds shall first be issued as will be sufficient to pay for land purchased or secured for a site for a City Hall, the balance, after the making of the contract for the erection of a City Hall to be applied to payments on contracts, and, with the moneys derived from the sale of city property for the same purpose (not exceeding $50,000), to the completion and furnishing of the City Hall; and be it

Resolved, That said bonds shall be known as City Hall bonds and shall be signed by the Mayor of the city and sealed with the corporate seal, attested by the City Clerk and countersigned by the City Comptroller.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That in accordance with the order issued by the Hon. M. M. Knapp, Judge of the Circuit Court, to provide for the payment of the Commissioners appointed under Chapter 30 of the Laws of 1889, to fix and monument the boundary line between Jersey City and Bayonne, warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, as follows, being one-half of the bills rendered for service:

Henry Lembeck, Egbert Seymour and James F. Minturn, Commissioners, each $120.

Smith and Weston, surveyors, $370.09.
Robert C. Bacot, civil engineer, $370.
John D. Payne, civil engineer, $370.
Miss C. C. McCue, typewriting, $2.
Dennis McLaughlin, County Clerk, filing maps, etc., $20.

And that in order to provide for the payment of said bills, the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow the amount necessary on temporary bonds at not exceeding five per cent per annum, the repayment of the sum to be provided for in the tax levy next hereafter to be made.

By Mr. Allen:

Whereas, The appropriation for the present fiscal year for printing, stationery and supplies of this Board has already been exhausted, and

Whereas, An additional amount will be required to furnish sufficient supplies for the proper transaction of the city's business; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the sum of $2,000 be added to the present appropriation for printing, stationery and supplies of this Board for the present fiscal year and that the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow said sum on temporary loans at a rate not exceeding five per cent. per annum, the payment of said bonds to be provided for in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, on general account, for the sum of $36,725 to be deposited to credit of October, 1891,, interest to pay interest on assessment bonds.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

On motion of Mr. Hillier the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Tuesday, October 6, 1891, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Patrick T. O'Hara for return of duplicate payment of taxes.

Petition of Frank L. Clarke, Attorney for G. G. Van Zee, for return of taxes paid in error.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of W. A. Boyd of $20 for city directories.

Claim of C. W. Wenner & Co. of $17 for stationery for Corporation Counsel.

Claim of N. P. Weedin of $50 for services as Assistant Clerk of District Court

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of John H. Ficken of $50 for board of horse of Building Inspector to October 1, 1891.

Received and ordered to be referred to the Board of Aldermen for payment.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the City Collector acknowledging the filing in his office of the assessment map for the improvement of Hopkins avenue, from Central to Sum-avenues, amounting to $10,236.

Communication from the City Collector acknowledging the filing, in his office, of report No. 74 of the Commissioners of Adjustment, amounting to $62,590.49.

Received and ordered filed.

Report of the City Comptroller showing the receipts of the City Treasury from September 29 to October 5, 1891, both days included, to be $25,146.32.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution adopted by the Board of Education requesting an appropriation to repair outbuildings of Public School No. 8.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution adopted by the Sinking Fund Commission requesting the payment of $75 to C. S. Westervelt for services as Clerk to October 1, 1891.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following communication from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF STREET
AND WATER COMMISSIONERS,
JERSEY CITY, Oct. 6, 1891.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance.

GENTLEMEN:—Enclosed pleased find report of Water Registrar which at the meeting of this Board, held on the 5th instant, was ordered transmitted to you.

Very respectfully,
GEORGE T. BOUTON,
Clerk.

OFFICE OF WATER REGISTRAR,
JERSEY CITY, Oct. 5, 1891.

To the Honorable Board of Street and Water Commissioners.

GENTLEMEN—Herewith please find statement showing amount cash received and disbursed account of water department for the year ending April 30, 1891, including total bonded water debt with interest on same and amount assessed for water rents for the year ending April 30, 1892, and estimated amount of measured water to be charged for the year ending April 30, 1892, and amount charged and collected for measured water for the year ending April 30, 1891. Also amount required to pay sinking fund per annum as per request of board of finance.

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT.

When due.	Amount.
December 1, 1891	$248,000
January 1, 1893	200,000
January 1, 1895	179,000
January 1, 1899	100,000
January 1, 1902	375,000
April 1, 1902	800,000
September 1, 1902	500,000
January 1, 1904	250,000
January 1, 1906	60,000
November 1, 1906	61,000
July 1, 1907	255,000
March 26, 1908	47,000
February 1, 1909	50,000
July 1, 1907	50,000
May 1, 1913	500,000
February 1, 1913	525 000
April 1, 1916	586,000
June 1, 1921	350,000
Total	$5,136,000

May 1, 1890, to April 30 1891. Statement showing amount of cash received and disbursed account water department, 1890.

Cash received and paid to city treasurer:

Water rents, year 1890	$254,987 34
Water rents, year 1889	21,605 16
Water rents, year 1888	6,791 76
Water rents, year 1887	1,236 79
Water rents, year 1886	631 39
Water rents, year 1885	262 75
Water rents, year 1884	26 20
Water rents, year 1882	23 15
Water rents, year 1878	5 00
Measured water	278,216 21
Special rates	293 66
Permits	12,457 20
Penalty on water rents	1,816 81
Interest on water rents	2,420 94
Adjustment account by city collector	21,138 30
Work done and material furnished	907 25
Total	$602,819 91
Amount of water rents assessed for the year ending April 30, 1892	$334,936 50
Estimated amount of measured water to be charged for year ending April 30, 1892	300,000 00
Amount charged for measured water during year ending April 30, 1891	290,573 45
Amount collected for measured water during the year ending April 30, 1891	278,216 21

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid engineers and firemen, Belleville	$49,736 93
Paid engineers and firemen, High Service	10,256 68
Pumping and reservoirs	27,976 91
Fuel account	61,494 96
Water pipe	6,687 20
Assessments and extensions	136,008 74
Water rates, salaries	29,965 98

Hackensack Water Company..	7,920 47
Account of Harrison water mains	3,738 27
Account of Kearny water mains	1,547 46
Return of water rents overpaid	402 81
General account interest on loan	21,570 37
Interest on bonds	314,680 00
Total	$671,986 76
Amount required to pay interest upon bonds issued for water account for the year..	$322,960
Due as follows:	
January	$47,995
February	14,625
March	19,145
April	42,650
May	19,635
June	17,430
July	47.995
August	14,625
September	19,145
October	42.650
November	19,635
December	17,430
	$322,960
Amount required to pay sinking fund on issue of bonds amounting to $586,000 per annum	$14 000
Amount for same on issue of $350,000 per annum	7,000

The following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Ordering paid the following pay roll:—

Assessments and extensions, repairing water gates, September, 1891, $300.

2. Ordering paid claim of John W. Sherry, of $64, incurred in April, 1886, for repairs to streets, in excess of appropriations; to be paid out of Contingent Fund, Board of Finance, 1890-91.

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

Resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners requesting the transfer, to their account, of unexpended balances of appropriations for repairs to public buildings.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and recommended that the same be concurred in:—

1. Ordering paid the following pay roll:—

Assessments and extensions, repairs to water gates, September, 1891, $300.

2. Ordering paid the following claim incurred in April, 1886, for repairs to streets, in excess of appropriations, the same to be paid out of Contingent Fund, Board of Finance, 1890-91.

$64 John W. Sherry.

3. Authorizing the purchase of lots 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 25, block 929, Zabriskie street and Columbia avenue, for public school site purposes.

4. Authorizing the improvement of Ninth street from Monmouth to Brunswick streets.

5. Authorizing the improvement of Eleventh street from Jersey avenue to Coles street.

6. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the report was received and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims and recommended that warrants be ordered drawn in payment of the same:

$29.78 American District Telegraph Co., messenger service, Mayor's office, July, 1891.

$34.24 American District Telegraph Co., messenger service, Board of Finance, August, 1891.

$17.03 Jersey City Electric Light Co., lighting City Collector's office, August, 1891.

$22 Jersey City News, printing manuals.

$5 80 Robert Lightfoot, typewriting.

$23.95 N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., tolls, etc., Board of Finance, to July 1, 1891.

$4 60 N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., tolls, etc., City Collector's office, to July 1, 1891.

$9.90 N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., tolls, etc., Mayor's office, to July 1, 1891.

$50.18 N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., tolls, etc., Treasurer's office, to July 1, 1891.

$25 F. Heppenheimer's Sons, lithographing.

$60.50 F. Heppenheimer's Sons, lithographing.

$59.50 F. Heppenheimer's Sons, lithographing.

$24.45 United Gas Improvement Co., gas, City Hall, July, 1891.

$16.05 United Gas Improvement Co., gas, City Hall, August, 1891.

$20 W. A. Boyd for city directories.

$17 C. Wm. Wenner & Co., stationery for Corporation Counsel.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the report was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Vredenburg & Garretson, attorneys for Joseph Keogh, for $42.58 for costs in the case of Joseph Keogh vs. Jersey City—the balance of said judgment having been paid by the Board of Aldermen out of its salary appropriation.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Theodore Ryerson, attorney for Frank Drosselmeyer, for $25 35 costs in the case of the Overseer of the Poor against said Drosselmeyer; and be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow the sums necessary to pay said judgments on temporary bonds at not exceeding 5 per cent. interest per annum; the repayment thereof to be provided for in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of

Patrick T. O'Hara for $13.17 to return duplicate payment of taxes of 1889, on lot 5, block 572, 573, St. Paul's avenue, and that the City Collector be notified.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of James A. Gordon, attorney for John Daumont for $187.29, amount of judgment and costs recovered July 22, 1891, before the District Court in a suit wherein the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City were defendants, and that the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow said amount on temporary bonds at not exceeding 5 per cent. interest per annum, to be provided for in the tax levy next hereafter to be made.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That no warrant for the payment of any judgment or costs recorded against the city shall be delivered or paid until the parties recovering such judgment shall have presented to the City Clerk a satisfaction piece therefor, approved by the Corporation Counsel.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That under the provisions of Chapter 148 of the Laws of 1887, and the various supplements thereto, bonds of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City be issued to an amount not exceeding $36,639, to pay the estimated share of Jersey City for the expense of constructing a joint outlet sewer for the drainage of the northern portion of Jersey City and the southern portion of the town of West Hoboken under the provisions of said act; and be it further

Resolved, That said bonds shall be registered bonds, under the seal of the city, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and countersigned by the City Comptroller, and shall run for such term of years as may be deemed advisable by the Committee on Finance, and shall bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum; and be it further

Resolved, That said bonds shall be sold under the direction of this Board at not less than par and accrued interest, as the proceeds thereof may be required to meet the share of Jersey City of the cost of such improvement, as directed by this Board under the provisions of said act; and be it further

Resolved, That all moneys received or collected for or on account for such sewer shall be held and kept inviolable for the redemption of said bonds.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be requested to report to this Board, through the Chief Engineer, at the next regular meeting, Tuesday, October 20, 1891, the probable cost of dredging the river bed for a distance of 200 feet above and a like distance below the intake of the city's water works at Belleville, and to properly cleanse said intake.

By Mr. Hillier:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of C. S. Westervelt for $75 in payment of salary as clerk to the Sinking Fund Commission to October 1, 1891, three months, at $25 per month.

By Mr. Hillier:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of N. P. Weedin for $50 in payment of salary as Assistant Clerk of District Court for September, 1891. Charge receipts of District Courts.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Whereas, The appropriation for the present fiscal year for cleaning sewers and receiving basins, amounting to the sum of $12,000, has already been exhausted in the prosecution of said work; and

Whereas, The Board of Street and Water Commissioners have requested this Board to make an appropriation of $3,000 for the purposes aforesaid,

Resolved, That the sum of $3,000 be added to the present appropriation for cleaning sewers and receiving basins for the present fiscal year, and that the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow said sum on temporary loan bonds at not exceeding five per cent. per annum, and that the repayment of the same be provided for in the tax levy next hereafter to be made.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

On motion of Mr. Hillier the Board adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Wednesday, October 14, 1891, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

The call for the meeting, which was for the transaction of general business, was read by the clerk.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of Margaret Gafney (2) for the return of surplus moneys paid in redemption of lands sold for unpaid adjusted taxes, &c.

Petition of Charles B. Jordan for return of money paid in purchase of lands sold at tax sale.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $35.60 for messenger service, Board of Finance, September, 1891.

Claim of the Jersey City Electric Light Company of $15.93 for lighting City Collector's office. September, 1891.

Claim of Frank McDermott of $30 for ice, City Hall, September, 1891.

Claim of the United Gas Improvement Company of $24.45 for gas, City Hall, September, 1891.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Chief Engineer estimating the cost of dredging the river bed at the intake of the city's water works at Belleville to be $1,111.

Received and referred to President Edelstein and Mr. Allen.

Communication from the City Collector acknowledging the filing in his office of the following assessment maps;

For sewer in Hancock avenue, from Congress to North streets, $3,930.

For improvement of Emory street, from Bergen to Monticello avenues, $4,683.

Received and ordered filed.

The following resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners was received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Ordering paid certain claims.

The following communication from the Board of Fire Commissioners was received and referred to President Edelstein and Mr. Allen:

HEADQUARTERS JERSEY CITY
FIRE DEPARTMENT.
JERSEY CITY, Oct. 14, 1891.

Honorable Board of Finance.

GENTLEMEN—The following preamble and resolution was passed by the Board of Fire Commissioners at its meeting held this evening.

Respectfully,
CHARLES ESTERBROOK,
Clerk.

Whereas, In order to place this department in a proper condition so that its usefulness and efficiency to afford protection against fire may be maintained, it is necessary that new hose should be procured at once, and

Whereas, The appropriation of $3,000 for hose for the ensuing fiscal year is totally inadequate to supply this department with the quantity needed, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Honorable Board of Finance be and are hereby requested to make a special and additional appropriation of $3,000 for the use of this Board for the purchase of hose.

The following communication from the Board of City Hall Commissioners was received, ordered spread upon the minutes and filed:

OFFICE OF THE
CITY HALL COMMISSION,
JERSEY CITY, Oct. 14, 1891.

Honorable Board of Finance:

Sirs:—The annexed is a copy of resolutions passed by the City Hall Commissioners of Jersey City on this date relative to the purchase of the property selected by them for the new City Hall, and wherein your concurrence is requested.

Yours Respectfully,
DANIEL McAGHON,
Clerk pro tem.

Whereas, This Board, after consultations with the various owners of property embraced within the site selected by it for the new City Hall in Jersey City, have received from all of them, with the two exceptions hereinafter named, options for sale of said premises to the city in fee simple, free from encumbrance, as follows:

Ann Miller and Hugh Miller, lot fifty-nine (59) block two hundred and one (201), Montgomery street, eight thousand dollars ($8,000).

George R. McKenzie, lots X, Y and Z, block 201, Montgomery street, twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars ($22,500).

Julius C. Wittpenn, lot A 1, block 20, on the corner of Hudson and Montgomery streets, (subject to the right of removing within two months, the small building erected on the rear of said premises) for twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars ($22,500).

George H. Klink and Charlotte Klink, lot B 1, block 201, Henderson street, for six thousand five hundred dollars ($6,500).

Hugh Cranshaw, lot C 1, block 201, Henderson street, for six thousand three hundred and fifty dollars ($6,350).

John Whitfield and Leighton Whitfield, lot D 1, block 201, Henderson street, for six thousand three hundred and fifty dollars ($6,350)

George W. Morris, lot B 1, block 201, Henderson street, for five thousand dollars ($5,000).

Mary F. Brown, lot F 1, block 201, Henderson street, for five thousand dollars ($5,000).

Robert R. Sterling and Annie, his wife, lot A, block 201, Henderson street, for five thousand three hundred dollars ($5,300).

Winfield S. Weed, lot B, block 201, Henderson street, for five thousand eight hundred dollars ($5,800).

Philip Growney, lot C, block 201, Henderson street, for four thousand eight hundred dollars ($4,800).

Susan C. Van Zandt and Peter G. Van Zandt, lot D, block 201, Henderson street, for fifty-four hundred dollars ($5,400).

Margaret Grainger, lot 38, block 201, Mercer street, for five thousand two hundred and fifty dollars ($5,250).

James Hunt and Jane E. Hunt, lot 39, block 201, Mercer street, for seven thousand two hundred and fifty dollars ($7,250); and,

Whereas, Proceedings in condemnation have been instituted against John Edelstein and Ellen, his wife (the said

John Edelstein being a city official and unable to contract with the city), to acquire the title to lot 40, block 201, Mercer street, for seven thousand dollars ($7,000), against which appraisal no appeal has as yet been taken; and,

Whereas, Premises known as lot B, block 201, on the corner of Henderson and Mercer streets, and belonging to the estate of Daniel Keenan et als, is soon to be sold at public auction, and assurances have been given to this Board that the same can be acquired for about the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars ($6,500); and,

Whereas, At the prices aforesaid the total cost for the whole of said site will be about the sum of one hundred and twenty-nine thousand five hundred dollars ($129,500); and,

Whereas, In the judgment of this Board it is for the best interest of the city to acquire the title to said property in fee simple by deed from the owners thereof, rather than a limited estate by proceedings in condemnation; and,

Whereas, In the opinion of the Board, prices so demanded by the owners of said properties are under all the cirdcumstances reasonable and fair;

Resolved, That the opinions above recited, made by the several property owners, be and the same are hereby accepted on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, and that the Corporation Counsel be directed to have the title thereto, examined and guaranteed preparatory to the delivery of the deeds therefore, and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Finance be requested to place to the credit of this Board, for the purpose of acquiring the title to said lands, the said sum of one hundred and twenty-nine thousand, five hundred dollars, and be it further

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, upon said moneys when appropriated and passed to the credit of the Board as follows:

1. Ann Miller and Hugh Miller, eight thousand dollars ($8,000).
2. George R. McKenzie, twenty-two thousand, five hundred dollars ($22,500).
3. Julius C. Witpenn, twenty-two thousand, five hundred dollars ($22,500).
4. George Klink and Charlotte Klink, six thousand, five hundred dollars (6,500).
5. Hugh Cranshaw, six thousand, three hundred and fifty dollars ($6,350).
6. John Whitfield, Leighton Whitfield and Mary Whitfield, six thousand, three hundred and fifty dollars ($6,350).
7. George W. Morris, five thousand dollars ($5,000).
8. Mary F. Brown, five thousand dollars ($5,000).
9. Robert Sterling and Annie, his wife, five thousand three hundred dollars ($5,300).
10. Winfield S. Weed, five thousand eight hundred dollars ($5,800).
11. Philip Growney, four thousand eight hundred dollars ($4,800).
12. Susan C. Van Zandt and Peter G. Van Zandt, five thousand four hundred dollars ($5,400).
13. Margaret Grainger, five thousand two hundred and fifty dollars ($5,250).
14. James Hunt and John Hunt, seven thousand two hundred and fifty dollars ($7,250).

Which warrants shall not be delivered to the person entitled thereto until they shall have executed and delivered a deed for their respective properties, vesting the title thereto in the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, as approved by the corporation counsel.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Board of Finance.

Mr. Kenny offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the action of the City Hall Commissioners in acquiring the title to lands in Block 201 on Montgomery, Mercer and Henderson streets, within the site heretofore selected for a new City Hall, and in purchasing the several parcels therein contained as reported to this Board at this meeting for a sum of not exceeding $130,000, be and the same is hereby concurred in by this Board and that the prices proposed to be paid to the several owners thereof be also concurred in as reported to this Board, and be it further

Resolved, That the City Comptroller pass to the credit of said Board of City Hall Commissioners said sum of $130,000 hereby appropriated for the purposes aforesaid out of the first moneys realized from the sale of City Hall bonds as heretofore ordered to be issued by this Board on September 20, 1891, and

Resolved, That all resolutions heretefore adopted by this Board as regards appropriations for the purchase of said site be and are hereby rescinded.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Allen, Hillier Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

Excused from voting—President Edelstein.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and recommended that the same be concurred in:

1. Awarding contract to John Nolan for the improvement of Kensington avenue, from Bergen avenue to a point 770 feet west thereof.
2. Authorizing the improvement of Jackson avenue from the Newark and New York Railroad to Claremont avenue.
3. Awarding contract to Robert J. Clarkson for the improvement of North street from Durham to Central avenues.
4. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the report was received and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims, and recommended that warrants be ordered drawn in payment of the same:

$35.60, the American District Telegraph Co., messenger service, Board of Finance, September, 1891.

$30, Frank McDermott, ice, City Hall, September, 1891.

$15.93, the Jersey City Electric Light Co., lighting Collector's office, September, 1891.

$24.45, the United Gas Improvement Co., gas, City Hall, September, 1891.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolution, the report was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Charles B. Jordan for $2,174 54, to return amount paid at tax sale of March 26, 1890, for lots 61 to 75, alternate, Block 604, sold for unpaid adjusted taxes, etc.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That in accordance with Section 33 of a supplement to an act entitled, "An act to reorganize the local government of Jercey City," approved March 24, 1873, a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for $450, to transfer that amount from assessment to general account, to be credited to the appropriation for Engineering Bureau, Board of Street and Water Commissioners, 1890-1891, the same being the amount for services rendered by said Bureau and included in the expenses for the following improvement:

Improvement of Clifton place and Westcott avenue, $450.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, to be deposited to the credit of November, 1891, interest, as follows:

On general account.................	$18,935
On general account, to pay interest on assessment bonds..............	22,820
On water account..................	19,635
Total..........................	$61,390

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, to transfer from adjusted lien account, collections made August 31 to September 30, 1891, as follows:

To Water Account, $1,034.10, adjusted water rents.

To Assessment Account, $24,956.32, adjusted assessments.

To General Account, $2,735.40, adjusted taxes, 1890.

To General Account, $76, tax sale advertising fees.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1889, $3,911.40, adjusted taxes, 1889.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1888, $3,551.38, adjusted taxes, 1888.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, $26,501.50, adjusted taxes, 1875 to 1887.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, $1,372.23, interest on adjusted taxes.

To Fund, 1873, $1,099.70, adjusted taxes 1872 and previous years.

To Fund, 1873, $634.78. adjusted taxes, 1873 and 1874.

By Mr. Hillier:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Jacob Ringle, James G. Hasking and Alva A. Bedell for $125 each for salaries as Sinking Fund Commissioners for the three months ending September 1, 1891.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to request the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and the Chief Engineer to attend a conference upon unpaid claims against the city's water account at the City Hall, Tuesday, October 20, 1891, at 2 o'clock p. m., and to notify all persons holding said claims, by letter and advertisements of said conference.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1891, at eight o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of John McMahon for return of surplus paid in redemption of lands sold for unpaid adjusted taxes, etc.

Petition of William A. Harney, for return of surplus paid in redemption of lands sold for unpaid adjusted taxes, etc.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $693, for advertising tax sales.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $32 for printing forms.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $210 for printing tax sale pamphlet.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $390 for advertising tax sales.

Claim of the New Jersey Staats Zeitung of $514.80 for advertising tax sales.

Claim of J. W. Harrison, of $214 for for postage stamps, stationery, etc.

Claim of The Western Union Telegraph Co., of $3 for time service.

Received and referred to the Committee on printing, stationery and supplies.

Claim of James D. Manning, attorney, of $135.45, judgment and costs recovered against the city.

Received and referred to the Committee on finance.

Claim of N. P. Wedin, of $50, for services as assistant clerk to District Court for October, 1891.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Town Clerk of West Hoboken enclosing copy of resolution adopted by the Town Council October 14, 1891, providing for the issue of joint sewer bonds.

Received and ordered filed.

The following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:—Pumping and Reservoirs, Belleville and High Service, September, 1891, $5,173.97; Assessments and Extensions, repairing water pipe, September, 1891, $2,055

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and recommended that the same be concurred in·

1. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:—Pumping and Reservoirs, Belleville and High Service, September, 1891, $5,173.97; Assessments and Extensions, repairing water pipe, September, 1891, $2,055.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received, and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the following resolutions, and recommended that the same be adopted:

1. Ordering paid the regular monthly pay roll for the month of October, 1891, when due.

2. Ordering paid $208.33 each to the Jersey City News, the Evening Journal, the Jersey City Herald and the New Jersey Staats Zeitung for printing official minutes during October, 1891, when due.

3. Ordering paid $30 to C. S. Westervelt for extra services in itemizing reports of the Commissioners of Adjustment during the month of October, 1891, when due.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the report was received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and supplies reported the following claims and recommended that warrants be ordered drawn in payment of the same:—

$210, the Jersey City News, for printing tax sale pamphlet.

$32, the Jersey City News, for printing resolution forms.

$214, J. W. Harrison, for postage stamps and stationery.

$3, the Western Union Telegraph Co., for time service.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the report was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector for $234,128.29 in full payment of the State School Tax of 1890.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That in order to provide for the payment of the salary of the Superintendent of Police from the date of his appointment to the end of the present fiscal year, the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow the sum of $1,808.31 on temporary bonds to bear interest at not exceeding five per cent per annum, and to be provided for in the next tax levy in accordance with the provisions of the act entitled, "An act providing for the Superintendents of the Police and Fire Departments in cities of the first class." Approved March 30, 1891.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of the act entitled, "An Act relating to the issue of temporary loan bonds in cities of this State," approved April 21, 1884, the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow on one or more temporary loan bonds the sum of not exceeding $100,000, to be issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes of Jersey City for the year 1890, said bonds to be payable on demand, with interest payable semi-annually on January 1 and July 1, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent per annum.

By Mr. Allen:

Whereas, through inadvertence and error, George G. Van Zee, on November

9, 1888, paid the tax bill for 1888 on Lot "T," Block 626, Forrest street, owned by Theodore Jacoby, instead of the same amount for that year on the adjoining Lot "V" 47, Block 626, Forrest street, owned by George G. Van Zee, and

Whereas, by the report of the Corporation Counsel it appears that no transfer, mortgage or encumbrance has been placed upon record against Lot T, Block 626, since the date of such payment.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said George G. Van Zee for $58.80, to return said taxes so paid in error, without interest, and that the City Collector be directed to cancel the record of such payment, as provided by Chapter 205 of the laws of 1891.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That in order to provide for the payment of the salary of the Superintendent of the Fire Department from the date of his appointment to the end of the present fiscal year, in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled "An act providing for Superintendents of the Police and Fire Departments in cities of the first class," approved March 30, 1891, the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow $1,815 76 upon temporary loan bonds, to bear interest at not exceeding 5 per cent. per annum, and to be provided for in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $26,959.22 on account of county taxes of 1890.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Thomas F. Noonan, attorney of Nicholas E. Feury, assignee of Owen E. Nolan, for $203 62, for amount of judgment and costs recovered in the Second District Court of Jersey City against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City on February 13, 1891, said warrant to be charged to the Water Account.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That upon the reports of the Corporation Counsel and City Treasurer, endorsed upon the petition of John McMahon, a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John McMahon for $266.40 for amount of surplus realized upon the tax sale, under Chapter 112 of the laws of 1886 and the supplements thereto, made by the City Collector on April 21, 1891, of Lot "A," Block 291, Summit avenue, over and above the sum as adjusted, due the city with interest, cost and disbursements.

By Mr. Hillier:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of N. P. Wedin for $50 for services rendered as Assistant Clerk to the First District Court during the month of October, 1891, when due, said sum to be charged to District Court receipts account.

By Mr. Hillier:

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to correct the assessment against lot 2 B, block 1,422, Pearsall avenue, for the year 1889 and 1890 by making it as a vacant lot at a valuation of $250, the same having been assessed for those two years as a house and lot, through clerical error.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That the Sinking Fund Commission be requested to inform this Board what amount of city bonds the sinking funds may be expected to provide for by November 1, 1891.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier, Kenny and Peterson.

Nays—None.

On motion of Mr. Allen the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance, held at the City Hall, Thursday, October 29, 1891, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

The call for the meeting, which was for the transaction of general business, was read by the Clerk.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of G. F. and E. C. Swift for return of duplicate payment of taxes.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Evening Journal Association of $693 for advertising tax sales.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $142.50 for printing tax bills.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $10 for advertising notices.

Claim of the Jersey City News, of $2.50 for printing notices.

Claim of J. W. Harrison, of $38.25 for stationery for City Clerk.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Commissioners of Adjustment requesting an appropriation of $7,500 for current expenses.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the City Collector acknowleging the filing in his office of the following assessment maps:—

Improvement of Irving street, Central to Nelson avenues, $4,389.

Improvement of Whiton street, Communipaw avenue to Maple street, $5,877.

Improvement of Monmouth street, Railroad avenue to Montgomery street, $9,408.

Received and ordered filed.

The following communication from the Sinking Fund Commission was received and ordered filed:—

OFFICE OF THE SINKING FUND COMMISSION, CITY HALL.
JERSEY CITY, Oct. 29, 1891.

Honorable Board of Finance:—

GENTLEMEN:—The following resolution was passed by the Sinking Fund Commission of Jersey City at its meeting held October 28, 1891, and approved by the Mayor, October 29, 1891.

Yours respectfully,
C. S. WESTERVELT,
Clerk.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance be and they are hereby notified of the ability at this date October 28, 1891, and intention of this Board to pay the $100,000 7 per cent. assessment bonds due November 1, 1891, and that this Board hereby agrees to make provision for the same.

The following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Requesting an appropriation of $2,830 to repair engine houses.

2. Ordering paid certain claims incurred in 1888 for repairs to streets, in excess of appropriations, the same to be paid out of Contingent Fund, Board of Finance, 1890-1891.

3. Setting aside $7,000 from the water account for Sinking Fund purposes to pay the principal of water bonds dated June 1, 1891.

4. Two (2) resolutions authorizing the purchase of certain supplies. Requisitions Nos. 9 and 10.

5. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:

Assessments and Extensions, Water Registrar, etc, October, 1891, $3,068.31.

Assessments and Extensions, General Superintendent, etc., October, 1891, $989.99.

Assessments and Extensions, labor on meters, October, 1891, $548.33.

Assessment and Extensions, Reassessors, October, 1891, $225.

6. Ordering paid certain claims.

The following communication from the Board of Tax Commissioners was received and ordered filed.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF TAX COMMISSIONERS, CITY HALL, Jersey City,
October 29, 1819.

Honorable Board of Finance:

GENTLEMEN—The following is a copy of a resolution passed by the Board of Tax Commissioners of Jersey City at their meeting held October 28, 1891.

Yours respectfully,
JAMES E. CONNOLLY,
Clerk.

Resolved, That the clerk of this Board be and he is hereby directed to inform the Hon. Board of Finance that four of the assistant clerks of this Board will be placed at their disposal for the purpose of making out tax bills as their services will not be required by this Board during the time of making out said bills, and because of their experience they can give better service to the public, besides saving to the city the sum of $320 per month.

The following communication from the Board of Tax Commissioners was received and referred to the Committee of the Whole:

OFFICE OF BOARD OF TAX COMMISSIONERS, CITY HALL, Jersey City,
October 29, 1891.

Honorable Board of Finance:

GENTLEMEN—The following is a copy of a resolution passed by the Board of Tax Commissioners of Jersey City at their meeting held October 28, 1891.

Yours respectfully,
JAMES E. CONNOLLY,
Clerk.

Resolved, That the clerk of this Board notify the Hon. Board of Finance that the assessment books for the year 1891-92 are awaiting their confirmation, and he is hereby directed to file a set of said books with the clerk of the Board of Finance.

In taking action on the above, President Edelstein said:

GENTLEMEN:—The tax levy for 1891-1892, which now awaits the confirmation of this Board, marks an important point in the financial history of Jersey City. For the first time in many years the way has seemed clear to provide for large outlays that have long been needed and which we expect will prove to be most profitable investments. The extent of these outlays may be judged by the fact that while the moneys required for all city purposes this year were $1,853,415 05, the sum of $2,253,131.12 has been apportioned for next year. This means an increase, in round figures, of $400,000. How some of this increase will be used is

shown by the following comparative statement of appropriations:—

Appropriations.	1890-1891.	1891-1892
Police salaries	$261.614	$302,002
Fire department salaries.....	89,300	99,950
Cleaning sewers...............	20,000	30,000
Electric lights................	10,000	15,000
City Parks.....	......	6,500
Text books for schools.......	10,000	15,000
Contingent fund...............	8,500	20,000
Repairs to engine houses.....	......	7,000
New fire apparatus and hose.	......	12,500

While these increases of themselves call for $109.000 in addition to the figures of last year, many others appear in the pending tax levy. The police force while increased numerically will have its efficiency augmented by a telegraphic patrol system costing about $15,000. The Fire Department is also to be increased in numbers and will have the use of new hose, two new steamers and an aerial truck. The firemen are also to be made more comfortable by general repairs to their quarters. The public schools have also been provided for. Free text books will be in order and efforts will be made to increase the stipend now paid the teachers. Part of the Contingent Fund has already been utilized to provide for night schools that promise to be filled from the start. They will benefit those who could not hope for educational advantages without them. Two and possibly three new public school buildings will be opened during the year. The city has also done well by squaring up with the "Free Public Library" to which the sum of $44,754 has been apportioned.

In addition to the new public schools several other public buildings have been completed or contracted for during the present year. The Second and Fourth Police precincts are about equipped with new and modern buildings and the ground has been purchased for a new station house in Greenville. The purchase of the site for a new City Hall that will be a credit to the municipality is known to you all.

Progress has also been apparent in the various city departments. The Street and Water Commissioners have repaved many blocks of streets from the excise fees, and scores of street improvements to be paid for by the property benefited have been completed or projected. Several main sewers to drain the westerly slope of the Heights are contemplated and the city has assented to the building of a joint sewer on the West Hoboken line. These improvements will open up large sections of territory and eventually add enormously to the city's rateables.

Splendid work has also been done in the financial departments. The Commissioners of Adjustment have sifted out large amounts of arrears during the year, and the result is shown in tangible assets which must eventually be realized. The completed work of the Commission during the year is embraced in their Reports Nos. 65 to 74 inclusive, and which show adjusted arrears aggregating $651,616 98. Of this amount $161 245.90 is included in the pending tax sale. The unpaid adjustments, exclusive of the sale in question, and including the few properties for which title has passed to the city amount to $110,458.02. At this rate the monumental arrears, which Jersey City has so long carried, will soon be wiped out.

The Sinking Fund Commission have also done their share. They were able to meet consolidated city 7 per cent. bonds amounting to $400,000, and paid them in full at maturity. The Commissioners are also prepared to pay off another even $100,000 at 7 per cent. that mature November 1. This means the actual wiping out of $500,000 of the city's debt, and a reduction of $35.000 annually in the interest account.

Another large saving has been effected by the refunding of $1,469,000 of seven per cent. bonds at the rate of five per cent. The new issue found a ready sale and at a premium and will call for $29,380, less interest each year than the old series demanded.

We are certainly justified, gentlemen, in being proud of such progress, and our thanks are due to His Honor, Mayor Cleveland, and the various other city officers who have aided us in bringing about such good results.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and recommended that the same be concurred in:

1. Awarding contract to Michael Curley for sewer in St. Paul's avenue from Tonnele avenue to the Hackensack River:

2. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:

Assessments and Extensions—Water Registrar, etc., October, 1891, $3,068 31.

Assessments and Extensions—General Superintendent, etc., October, 1891, $989.99.

Assessments and Extensions—Labor on meters, October, 1891, $548.33.

Assessments and Extensions—Reassessors, October, 1891, $225.

3. Ordering paid the following claims, incurred in 1888 for repairs to streets in excess of appropriations, the same to be paid out of Contingent Fund, Board of Finance, 1890-1891:

$49, Patrick Kane, for services as laborer.

$6, Michael Reeve, for services as laborer.

$42, P. D. Hill, for services as laborer.

$10, Patrick Horan, for services as laborer.

4 Ordering drawn a warrant for $7,000 to the credit of the Sinking Fund Commission, for Sinking Fund purposes to pay the principal of $350,000, 5 per cent. water bonds dated June 1, 1891.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the report was received, and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote:—

Ayes — President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs Hillier and Peterson.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims, and recommended that warrants be ordered drawn in payment of the same:—

$693—The Evening Journal for advertising tax sales.

$693—The Jersey City News for advertising tax sales.

$142.50 — The Jersey City News for printing tax bills.

$10—The Jersey City News for advertising.

$2 50—The Jersey City News for printing notices.

$38 25—J. W. Harrison for stationery for City Clerk.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was received, and the claim ordered paid by the following vote:—

Ayes — President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That in accordance with the supplementary act approved March 24, 1873, a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for $550 to transfer said amount from Assessment to General Account to the credit of appropriation for Engineering Bureau, Board of Street and Water Commissioners, 1890-91—the same being the amount due for services rendered by said Bureau and included in the expenses of the following improvements:

Improvement of Vroom street, from Summit avenue to Gray street....	$200
Improvement of Forrest street, from Jackson avenue to Ocean avenue.	200
Improvement of Fifteenth street, Grove street to Erie street.........	150
Total..............................	$550

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Commissioners of Adjustment for $7,500 out of the proceeds of and collections from adjusted city liens for taxes, tax sales, assessments, and water rents, said sum being required by said Commissioners to properly perform and carry out the provisions of the act creating said Commission.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum $10,000, balance of taxes of 1890.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of G. F. & E. C. Smith for $52.80 to return duplicate payment of taxes of 1890 on lot 25, block 182, Tenth street, and that the City Collector be notified.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be directed to transfer $6,000 from the contingent fund of 1891-92, when available, to the credit of the Board of Education for the maintenance of night schools, and for no other purpose.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be requested to make a demand on the Board of Freeholders for the share of election expenses due Jersey City by the county of Hudson.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

On motion of Mr. Kenny the Board then adjourned to meet Wednesday, November 4, 1891, at two o'clock p. m.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall Wednesday, November 4, 1891, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Hillier.

Absent—Messrs. Kenny and Peterson.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and the Clerk was directed to call for sealed proposals for the issue of $200,000 five per cent. City Hall bonds as per resolution adopted September 29, 1891.

The following bid was received and referred to the Committee of the Whole:—

MECHANICS' HALL,
No. 18 EAST SIXTEENTH STREET.
NEW YORK, Nov. 2, 1891.

To the Board of Finance of Jersey City:

DEAR SIRS:—Representing the Building and Sinking Fund of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New York, I hereby bid par for $15,000 of City Hall bonds in accordance wth advertisement received from the Comptroller of Jersey City. Please inform me if the bid is accepted. Very truly yours,

R. T. DAVIES.
Treasurer.

A recess of twenty minutes was then ordered.

The Board reassembled at 3:10 o'clock p. m., the same members being present.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

PESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company, of $40.24 for messenger service, Mayor's office, March, 1891.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company, of $28.78 for messenger service, Mayor's office, July, 1891.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company, of $52.70 for messenger service, etc., Mayor's office, August, 1891.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $4.50 for advertising sale of City Hall bonds.

Claim of Herbert Booth King & Bro. of $112 for advertising sale of City Hall bonds.

Claim of P. H. Hanley of $407.50 for furniture.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the City Collector nominating George Bellamy as clerk.

Received and ordered laid upon the table.

Communication from the City Treasurer, enclosing statement of daily bank balances and sinking funds to November 4, 1891, as follows:

DAILY BANK BALANCES.

Bank.	Account.	Amount
Second	General	$34,231 84
Third	"	7,162 16
Hudson County	"	23,871 95
Second	Water	18 33
Hudson County	"	323 19
"	Assessment	90,668 57
Second	Special School	59,873 40
Third	Special Street.	23,750 80
Hudson County	"	13,984 64
Second	Adjusted liens	19,031 00
Hudson County	Surplus	15,450 92

SINKING FUNDS.

Second National Bank, Tax Arrearage Fund	$80,747 52
Second National Bank, Tax Arrearage Fund, 1889	9,497 86
Second National Bank, Tax Arrearage Fund, 1888	10,769 22
Second National Bank, Sinking Fund, 1873	1,862 89
Second National Bank, Sinking Fund, 1882, No. 1	915 22
Second National Bank, Sinking Fund, 1882, No. 2	4,050 52
Second National Bank, Sinking Fund, 1888	436 47
Second National Bank, Sinking Fund, 1889, No. 1	2,373 02
Second National Bank, Sinking Fund, 1889, No. 2	464 33
Second National Bank, Water Sinking Fund	1,159 66
Second National Bank, Special, General Account	8,412 44
Second National Bank, Sidewalk Account	9,081 73

Received and ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claim, and recommended the drawing of a warrant in payment of the same:—

$112 Herbert B. King & Brother for advertising sale of City Hall bonds in New York papers.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received, and the claim ordered paid by the following vote:—

Ayes — President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Hillier.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Kenny and Peterson.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to request all persons holding claims against the city's water account, and the Chief Engineer, to attend a conference to be held at the City Hall, Saturday, November 7, 1891, at 2 o'clock p. m., regarding said claims.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That the appointment by the City Collector of George Bellamy as clerk in his office at a salary of $100 per month, to date from December 1, 1891, be and is hereby confirmed by this Board.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Edelstein, Charles W. Allen, George R. Hillier, John Kenney and George W. Peterson, $125 each in payment of salaries as Members of the Board of Finance to October 31, 1891.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow the sum of $86,185 63 on bonds to be issued in anticipation of the redemption of land bought by the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City at the sales by the City Collector made October 14 and 16, 1891; said bonds to be payable at the option of the city, with interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable with the bonds; and the proceeds to be applied for the certificates of sale of the property purchased by the Mayor and Aldermen at said sales, and

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the City Collector for the sum of $86,185,-63, in payment of certificates of sale for property purchased by the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City at sales of land for

unpaid taxes, assessmesnt and water rents, sold October 14 and 16, 1891, as per schedule annexed:—

Lot.	Block.	Amount.
19	138	$515 51
90	139	1,798 49
26	220	159 08
5	126	969 70
27, 28	890	170 56
13 to 19	145-147	10,495 87
30 to 37	145-147	2,338 77
14 to 19	229-231	1,887 96
20	229-231	317 43
Pt 11	229-231	184 94
12	229-231	953 09
13	229-231	916 88
17 to 20	591	780 87
Pt 37 to Pt 40 41 to 49 Pt 50. Pt 51	592	934 61
Pt 50, Pt 51, 52	592	204 90
1	408-411	237 09
2	408-411	237 09
3	408-411	237 09
4	408-411	237 09
5	408-411	237 09
6	408-411	237 09
7	408-411	237 09
8	408-411	237 09
9	408-411	237 09
10	408-411	237 09
11	408-411	237 09
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13	408-411	237 09
14	408-411	237 09
15	408-411	237 09
16	408-411	237 09
17	408-411	237 09
18	408 411	237 09
19	408-411	237 09
20	408-411	237 09
21	408-411	269 55
22	408-411	294 96
23	408-411	294 96
24	408-411	294 96
25	408-411	294 96
32	408-411	294 96
33	408-411	294 96
34	408-411	294 96
35	408-411	294 96
36	408-411	294 96
9	218	2,888 21
10	218	203 97
11	218	203 97
12	218	166 86
5, 6	218	414 06
7, 8	218	414 06
51	286	528 18
19	292	248 63
20	292	229 41
17G	292	736 13
25, 26	293	227 17
27, 28	293	223 17
23G, 24G	293	523 20
Pt. 1G	293	46 58
Rear Pt. 29	293	20 34
27C	328	45 12
7G	328	265 74
8G	328	262 20
30G	328	115 16
31G	328	116 58
32G	328	116 58
20 to 23G	329	217 10
17G	329	60 26
25 to 28C	329	205 39
24C	329	60 26
6B	330	289 10
4C	330	289 11
31, 32G	330	188 58
1, 2, 3G	330	902 91
9 to 11G	331	284 57
21 to 24C	331	131 39
5C	366	63 21
29, 30C	366	83 59
31C	366	51 21
32	366	57 39
A	367	156 08
1, 2G	367	106 69
1 to 7	424	245 62
8 and Gore	424	202 86
25 to 28	420	289 44
19, 20	420	247 72
15, 16	420	189 94
9 to 12	420	707 96
1 to 4	420	530 81
25, 26	419	247 71
21 to 24	419	320 66
17 to 20B	419	174 69
17 to 20A	419	142 67
11, 12	419	279 80
4	419	163 67
2	419	186 10
25, 26	418	142 67
25, 26	417	174 69
17 to 20C	417	182 66
8	417	45 92
B	397	491 11
A	397	405 62
H	396	162 33
G	396	266 12
F	396	67 79
29	396	168 34
28	396	158 74
13,14E	396	8 58
10	396	35 74
A	396	303 21
9, 10	362	598 51
1 to 4	362	731 87
27, 28	361	440 28
9, 10	422	68 00
15, 16	422	77 09
25 to 28	422	345 98
10	423	89 46
11	423	90 27
12, 13	423	163 00
14 to 17	423	184 07
32	423	29 94
188	338	25 29
189, 190	338	49 47
176	338	36 00
66, 67	339	224 11
68	339	110 47
91	339	203 81
22	380	446 51
39	565	61 75
12	219	628 28
4,8 to 11,13,5B to 11B	923	163 22
7 to 10, 13 to 18	922	57 08
1B	1,318	229 33
16	297	198 98
8 to 12	298	241 46
13, 14	298	77 71
12, 13, 14, Pt11	299	260 71
25 to 28	299	307 20
32	299	54 98
67	339	193 92
3	346	4,738 92
32	347	416 49
15, 16, 17	349	487 57
41	350	290 03
42	350	725 69
19	352	1,117 50
20	352	1,352 55
24	352	271 44
34	352	1,114 17
13	421	33[illegible] 36
14	421	297 63
15	421	278 58
16	421	77[illegible] 69
17	421	18[illegible] 02
Pt. 9	588	1,35[illegible] 82
47, 48	849	18[illegible] 63
A	422	2[illegible] 66
B	422	2[illegible] 80
C	422	2[illegible] 59
A	25, 55	6,38[illegible] 87
G	218	40[illegible] 47
12, F, 4	807	2[illegible] 83

327	816	290 71
1, 2	448	181 66
9, 10	449	172 20
13	449	105 46
14 to 16	449	290 75
17	449	77 78
6	449	76 40
7	449	76 40
1, 2	449	139 60
3	449	105 46
4	449	105 46
25	449	71 16
1, 2	451	204 18
3, 4	450	204 18
9	450	77 77
10	450	93 52
11	450	105 46
12	450	71 15
28, 29, 30	450	40 12
31	450	31 11
32	450	31 11
1 to 4	451	299 09
5, 6	451	151 54
32	451	22 06
10	451	13 03
15. 16	131	322 89
12, 13, 14	131	439 57
14	132	148 86
Front B 22	132	248 24
23 to 26	132	695 27
18 to 23	206	794 83
24	206	166 22
17, 18	207	127 94
O	207	9 74
1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13	212	229 39
27, 29	212	54 15
39, Pt 27	212	35 32
12, 14, 16, 18, 20,22,24,26	214, 308	268 99
4	312	162 34
2, 3, 4	319	1,686 32
17	321	30 73
18	321	32 48
19	321	14 42
20	321	14 42
21	321	14 42
6	323	11 15
7	323	6 37
17	323	29 88
18	323	29 88
19	323	29 88
20	323	29 88
21	323	16 94
22	323	13 71
23	323	7 24
24	327	7 24
25	327	6 30
26	327	6 30
27	327	6 30
1	328	19 40
Gore	328	4 90
14	328	11 15
15	328	18 73
17	328	23 67
11	328	23 67
12	328	18 73
29	329	27 69
22	329	22 44
13	329	56 75
14	329	26 19
10	329	56 75
18	330	39 99
19	330	33 25
20	330	39 99
6	332	36 94
9	408	468 55
O	428	515 61
37	428	157 83
21	433	193 57
23	433	192 69
22	433	98 23
7, 8	451	182 80

Total..........................$86,185 63

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Hillier.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Kenny and Peterson.

On motion of Mr. Hillier the Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, November 11, 1891, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

WILLIAM G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular adjouned meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall. Tuesday, November 11, 1891, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

Absent—All the members of the Board.

In the absence of a quorum the clerk declared the meeting adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance, held at the City Hall, Wednesday, November 11, 1891, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Hillier and Kenny.

Absent—Messrs. Allen and Peterson.

The call for the meeting, which was for the transaction of general business, was read by the clerk.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was received and ordered laid upon the table:—

No. 6 WALL STREET,
NEW YORK, Nov. 10, 1891.

Honorable Board of Finance, Jersey City, N. J:

Dear Sirs: I will give 100 and accrued interest for the $200,000, Jersey City 5 per cent City Hall bonds, payable February 10, 1893, and annually thereafter to 1912.

Yours respectfully,
GEORGE A. BENWELL.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Henry C. McCartin, of $172.50, for taking acknowledgments under Martin Act.

Claim of the New Jersey Staats Zeitung of $693 for advertising tax sales.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $35.25 for advertising sale of City Hall bonds.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $22 for printing manuals.

Claim of J. W. Harrison of $43 90 for stationery for Board of Finance.

Claim of J. W. Harrison of $25.45 for City Comptroller.

Claim of the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Co. of $40, for rent of vault of August 1, 1892.

Claim of Robert E. McCoobery of $100 for coal.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Hugh Dugan. County Collector, enclosing statement of taxes levied for State school and County purposes against Jersey City for 1891 as follows:—

State School Tax	$234,438 62
County Tax	447,740 16
Total	$682,178 78

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Treasurer enclosing statement of bank balances and sinking funds to November 11, 1891, as follows:

BANK BALANCES

BANK.	ACCOUNT.	AMOUNT.
Second National	General	$25,028 05
Third National	General	7,222 93
Hudson Co. National	General	15,193 93
Second National	Water	967 38
Hudson Co. National	Water	3,552 45
Hudson Co. National	Assessment	86,658 36
Second National	Special School	59,933 92
Third National	Special Street	23,750 80
Hudson Co. National	Special Street	14,085 69
Second National	Adjusted Liens	21,788 65
Hudson Co. National	Surplus	15,450 92

SINKING FUNDS.

BANK.	ACCOUNT.	AMOUNT.
2d National	Tax Arrearage Fund	$51,911 80
2d National	Tax Arrearage Fund, 1889	14,220 14
2d National	Tax Arrearage Fund, 1888	15,901 97
2d National	Sinking Fund, 1873	6,799 93
2d National	Fund 1882, No. 1	915 22
2d National	Fund, 1882, No. 2	4,050 52
2d National	Fund 1888	436 47
2d National	Fund 1889, No. 1	187 39
2d National	Fund 1889, No. 2	464 32
2d National	Water Sinking Fund	1,159 66
2d National	Special General Account	7,912 54
2d National	Water Sinking Fund, 1916	14,000 00
2d National	Sidewalk Account	9,081 65

Received and ordered filed.

Official bond of James F. Norton as Clerk of the First Police Court, of Jersey City, in $3,000, with Robert J. Murphy and Christian Handel as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was received, ordered spread upon the minutes and filed:—

JERSEY CITY, November 7, 1891.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

DEAR SIRS:—I inclose herewith copy of a letter sent me by the Corporation Attorney relative to the suit brought by Charles H. Mulliken against the city for salary due him from the Fire Department. I entirely agree with the Corporation Attorney and believe that the compromise of $500 offered by Mulliken should be accepted and said amount paid him in full for all claims. Should you agree with us as to the expediency of this course a resolution should be passed authorizing the law officers to give a relicta in the case, whereon a formal judgment can be entered, which your Board can pay as other judgments are paid.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. D. EDWARDS,
Corporation Counsel.

Communication from the Board of Aldermen requesting an appropriation of $200 to restore Soldiers' monument and plot in New York Bay Cemetery.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:—

Assessments and extensions—repairing water gates, October, 1891	$ 316 00
Assessments and extensions—repairing water pipe, October, 1891	3,303 00
Assessments and extensions—laying water pipe, October, 1891	2,579 75
Assessments and extensions—paving over pipe, October, 1891	300 50
Pumping and reservoirs—Belleville and High Service, October, 1891	5,077 77

2. Ordering paid claim of Joseph Doesh, of $62, for repairs to streets in excess of appropriations, in 1888, to be paid out of Contingent Fund, Board of Finance, 1890-1891.

3. To advertise for proposals for 1,400 lengths of cast iron water pipe.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and recommended that the same be concurred in:—

1. Ordering paid $62 to Joseph Doesh, for repairs to streets, incurred in 1888, in excess of appropriations; the same to be paid out of Contingent Fund. Board of Finance, 1890-1891.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was received, and the resolution concurred in by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Hillier and Henry Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Allen and Peterson.

The same Committee also reported resolution non-concurring in the following claim resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water for the reason that said bills are improperly made out; the Board of Street and Water Commissioners being hereby requested to have said bills corrected so as to show by whom the work done, or material furnished, were ordered, when it was ordered, and by whom the material was received, and, in the case of services rendered, to state by what authority or direction said services were rendered, and also to return proper copies of said claims to this Board for consideration:

$420.15, P. J. Condon.

$86 50, $110.50, $97.50, $86.50, $104.50, $147, $24.50, Bartley Conlon.

$361, $361, James Coyle.

$39, $21, $50, $104, $141, $249, $250, $92, $100.50, $25, $80, $93 75, $73, $12, $15.50, $85, $20, $25.50, $249.25, $57, $22, $40, $52.50, $47, $41.50, $42, $224.50, $125, $24, Albert Datz.

$55, Michael Graham.

$42 80, $28.45, $52.35, $27.25, Michael J. Griffin.

$56, $28, $56, $42. Hauck Bros.

$15, Hugh Higgins.

$65, $65, $62.50, $65, $52, $52, $48, James Hart.

$402.22, $467.10, $480, Jersey City Supply Co.

$462, John P. Murray.

$57.74, $109 64, $71.10, $71.66, $84, $419.86, Philip E. Martin.

$456, $384, $402, $360, $432. $288, John McCarthy.

$65, Daniel Moran.

$77, Hector McMullen.

$19.50, $22, $4.50, $13, National Meter Co.

$250, $469.37, $270, John Nolan.

$15, Harry Smellie.

$47, Edward Wilson.

$160.58, $244.02, $248.68, $357.18, $200, $156.99, $34.80, $108.23, Theodore Smith & Bro.

$20, $58.85, Frank P. Woodcock.

$6.00, Adolph Walter.

$91, Wm. S. Travers.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was received and the recommendations therein contained adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Allen and Peterson.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims and recommended the payment of the same:

$25.45, J. W. Harrison, stationery for City Comptroller.

$43 90, J. W. Harrison, stationery for Board of Finance.

$60 90, J. W. Harrison, stationery for City Treasurer.

$4.50, The Jersey City Herald, advertising sale of City Hall bonds.

$35.25, The Jersey City News, advertising sale of City Hall bonds.

$22, The Jersey City News, printing manuals.

$390, The Jersey City Herald, advertising tax sales.

$693, The New Jersey Staats Zeitung, advertising tax sales.

$40, The New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company, rent of vault to August 1, 1892.

$172.50, Henry C. McCartin, taking acknowledgements under Martin Act.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Allen and Peterson.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Kenny:

Whereas, General bonds to the amount of $200,000 heretofore legally issued by the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City as a municipal corporation under the provisions of Section 71 of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, entitled "An Act to reorganize the local government of Jersey City," passed March 31, 1871; and

Whereas, Assessment bonds to the amount of $548,000 heretofore legally issued under the provisions of Section 156 of the same act of March 31, 1871, will become due and payable January 1, 1892; and

Whereas, This Board desires to renew all of said indebtedness of $748,000 by the issuing of general and assessment bonds in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled "An act authorizing Cities to Renew Maturing Bonds," approved June 9, 1890.

Resolved, That this Board issue, for the renewal of said indebtedness of $748,000, general bonds to the amount of $200,000, and assessment bonds to the amount of $548,000 to be issued in the name of the Mayor and Alderman of Jersey City, and signed by the Mayor and City Clerk of Jersey City and countersigned by the Comptroller.

Resolved, That said general bonds and said assessment bonds shall be dated January 2, 1892, payable in thirty years from date, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum payable semi-annually on the first days of July and January.

Resolved, That said bonds hereby authorized to be issued under said act of June 9, 1890, shall be sold by the Board of Finance at public sale for the best price that can be obtained therefor, but at not less than par value and accrued interest.

Resolved, That a sinking fund be and the same is hereby created to pay off the principal of said $200,000 of general bonds and said $548,000 of assessment bonds hereby authorized to be issued under said act of June 9, 1890, the sum of $15,000 shall be inserted in each annual tax levy, said sum to be placed in the sinking fund to be used exclusively to pay off said new general and assessment bonds when due.

By Mr. Kenny:

Whereas, Water script to the amount of $248,000 heretofore legally issued by the Mayor and Alderman of Jersey City as a municipal corporation under the provisions of sections 131 and 80 of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey entitled, "An Act to Reorganize the Local Government of Jersey City," passed March 31, 1871, will become due and payable December 1, 1891; and

Whereas, This Board desires to renew all of said indebtedness of $248,000 by issuing of water bonds in accordance

with the provisions of an act entitled, "An Act to enable cities to renew maturing bonds," approved June 9, 1890;

Resolved, That this Board issue for the renewal of said indebtedness of $248,000, water bonds to be issued in the name of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk of Jersey City, and countersigned by the Registrar of the Water Works;

Resolved, That said water bonds shall be dated January 1, 1892, payable in thirty years from that date, with interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of July and January;

Resolved, That said water bonds hereby authorized to be issued under said act of June 9, 1890, shall be sold by the Board of Finance at public sale for the best price that can be obtained therefor, but at not less than their par value and accrued interest;

Resolved, That a sinking fund be, and the same is hereby created, to pay off the principal of the $248,000 of said water bonds hereby authorized to be issued under said Act of June 9, 1890, by deducting from the collection of water rents $5,000 dollars per annum, said sum to be placed in a sinking fund to be used exclusively to pay off said new water bonds when due.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be, and he is hereby directed, to advertise in the Evening Journal and the Jersey City News of Jersey City, and the Financial News of New York City, for proposals for $248,000 of water bonds, $548,000 of assessment bonds, and $200,000 of general bonds directed to be issued at this meeting, November 11, 1891, said advertisement to be inserted in the papers named for the period of five days, in form as herewith annexed, and that the Comptroller be, and he is hereby requested, to procure 300 slips of said advertisement and mail the same to bankers, brokers and others of Jersey City, New York and other places.

ADVERTISEMENT.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the Board of Finance of Jersey City at their meeting to be held in the City Hall Tuesday, December 8, 1891, at two o'clock p. m., when they will be publicly opened, for the whole or any part of the following bonds of the city of Jersey City, N. J.:—

$548,000 assessment bonds.
$248,000 water bonds.
$200,000 general bonds.

Said bonds to be issued in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled "An act authorizing cities to renew maturing bonds," approved January 9, 1890. The principal of said bonds is payable January 2, 1912, and the interest, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, is payable semi-annually on the first days of July and January in each year.

By resolution of the Board of Finance of Jersey City, passed November 11, 1891, sinking funds have been created to pay off the principal of said bonds when due.

Proposals should be enclosed in a sealed envelope and endorsed "Proposals for bonds of Jersey City" and handed to the clerk in open meeting when called for at said meeting, to be held December 8, 1891, at two o'clock p. m., in the City Hall.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids if deemed for the best interest of Jersey City.

WILLIAM G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow in the name of the city the sum of $248,000 on temporary loan bonds, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum, to take up water bonds falling due on the first day of December next, until the proper bonds to refund the same can be engraved and sold to advantage under the Act of June 9, 1890.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That the offer of Mr. George A. Benwell this day received, at the rate of 100 with accrued interest for the whole issue of $200,000, City Hall bonds, due $10,000 each year, from February 10, 1893, to 1912, inclusive, be and the same is hereby accepted; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be authorized to deliver said bonds under the direction of the Committee on Finance of this Board upon the payment to the City Treasurer of the amount bid therefor as aforesaid, and that said Committee on Finance notify said George A. Benwell when said bonds will be ready for delivery at the office of the City Treasurer.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That upon reading and filing the communications of the law officers of the city, the Corporation Attorney be authorized to give a relicta to the attorney of the plaintiff in the suit brought by Charles H. Mulliken against the city, with a consent to the entry of judgment therein by the plaintiff for $500 without costs, the same to be in full for claims of said plaintiff against the city.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer and Comptroller be directed not to pay to the order of the County Collector any part of the city's portion of the $55,000 contained in the County's appropriation for 1891 for interest on Park bonds,

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to make demand upon the officers of the County of Hudson for the return of Jersey City's portion of the $45,000 levied in the County appropriation of 1890 for interest on Park bonds, and to serve notice on said County officers of the intention of this Board to refuse to pay the portion of the $55,000 County appropriation of 1891 allotted to Jersey City for said interest.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That Philip H. McGovern be and he is hereby appointed as Extra Clerk to the City Collector for the purpose of making out tax bills, etc., at a salary of $75 per month, to take effect upon the confirmation of the tax books for 1891 by this Board.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to return for correction the bill of the N. J. Staats-Zeitung for advertising tax sales.

The ayes and nays being called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Allen and Peterson.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Tuesday, November 17, 1891, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Absent—President Edelstein, Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance, held at the City Hall Tuesday, November 24, 1891, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

The call for the meeting, which was for the transaction of general business, was read by the clerk.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of John A. Sell for return of surplus paid in redemption of lands sold for unpaid adjusted taxes, etc.

Petition of Silas McArthur for return of surplus paid in redemption of lands sold for unpaid adjusted taxes, etc.

Petition of Andrew Powell for correction of erroneous assessment.

Communication from Van Houten Post, G. A. R., requesting an appropriation to improve Soldiers' plot in New York Bay Cemetery.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of J. B. Cleveland of $5.50 for certified copy of laws.

Claim of J. E. Cronham of $5.30 for glazing in Comptroller's office.

Claim of J. W. Harrison of $91 for stationery for City Collector.

Claim of J W. Harrison for $292 75 for stationery for City Collector.

Claim of the International Bank Note Company of $830 for printing City Hall bonds.

Claim of the Jersey City Electric Light Company for $13 83 for lighting Collector's office, October, 1891.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $26 for printing manuals.

Claim of Robert Lightfoot of $4.20 for typewriting.

Claim of the New Jersey Staats Zeitung of $35.25 for advertising sale of bonds.

Claim of N. P. Wedin of $50 for services as Assistant Clerk of District Court, November, 1891.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication from the Sinking Fund Commission was received and ordered filed:

Office of the Sinking Fund Commission,
City Hall, Jersey City,
Nov. 13, 1891.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

GENTLEMEN—The following resolution was passed by the Sinking Fund Commission at the meeting held November 12, 1891, and approved by the Mayor November 13, 1891.

Yours respectfully,
C. S. WESTERVELT,
Clerk.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance be and they are hereby notified that this Board will provide for the payment of $152,000, seven per cent. assessment bonds due February 1, 1892, and $100,000, seven per cent. assessment bonds due May 1, 1892.

Communication from the Sinking Fund Commission requesting the drawing of a warrant for $50 in favor of C. S. Westervelt for services as clerk.

Resolution adopted by the City Hall Commission, November 19, 1891, ordering paid $250 to John Edelstein for conveyance of his rights of reversion in lot 40, block 201, Mercer street, taken in condemnation for site for new City Hall.

Communication from the Board of Tax Commissioners requesting transfer of unexpended balances.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on concurrent resolutions:—

1. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:—

Assessments and extensions, laborers on meters, November, 1891, $548.33.

Assessments and extensions, Water Registrar, etc., November, 1891, $3,068.31.

Assessments and extensions, General Superintendent, etc., November, 1891, $989.99.

2—Ordering paid the following claims incurred in 1888 for repairs to streets:—

Patrick McGovern, $21; John Lowery, $123; Owen Harney, $66.75; Christopher Brannigan, $42.

3—Four (4) resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported the official bond in $3,000 of James F. Norton, as Clerk of the First Police Court, with Robert J. Murphy and Christian Handel, sureties, and recommended that it be approved, spread in full upon the bond book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reorted the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and recommended that they be concurred in:

1. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:

Assessments and Extensions, laborers on meters, November, 1891, $548.33.

Assessments and Extensions, water registrar, etc., November, 1891, $3.068.31.

Assessments and Extensions, General Superintendent, etc, November, 1891, $989.99.

2. Four (4) resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

3. Ordering paid the following claims incurred in 1888 for repairing streets, the same to be charged to Contingent Fund, Board of Finance, 1890-1:

Patrick McGovern, $21; John Lowery, $123; Owen Harney, $66.75; Christopher Brannigan, $42.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was adopted and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the following resolution and recommended that the same be adopted:

1. Ordering paid the regular monthly pay roll for the month of November, 1891, when due.

2. Ordering paid $208.33 each to the Jersey City News, the Evening Journal, the Jersey City Herald and the New Jersey Staats Zeitung for printing official minutes during November, 1891, when due.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above reports, they were received and the recommendations therein contained adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims, and recommended the payment of the same:—

$5.30, J. E. Cronham for glazing in Comptroller's office.

$91, J. W. Harrison for stationery for City Collector.

$830, The International Bank Note Company for printing City Hall bonds, etc.

$100, Robert E. McCoobery for coal

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That the Tax Levy made and all the taxes assessed by the Tax Commissioners of Jersey City for the year 1891, transcript of which have been filed in book form with this Board, be and the same are hereby confirmed and the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to deliver the same to the City Collector for collection.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That Edward Devlin and Devereaux Noonan be and are hereby appointed as extra clerks in the office of the City Collector to make out tax bills at a salary of $75 per month each, terms to begin November 25, 1891, and to continue at the pleasure of this Board.

By President Edelstein:

Whereas, Under the provisions of Chapter 4, of the laws of 1890, as amended by Chapter 262, of the laws of 1891, the present members of the Board of Aldermen are entitled to compensation at the rate of $750 per annum each;

And whereas, The provisions of said act have recently been sustained by the Supreme Court;

Resolved, That for the purpose of paying the salaries of the present members of the Board of Aldermen from the first Monday in May of the present year to the first Monday in May next, the end of the Aldermanic year, the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to borrow the sum of $9.750 hereby appropriated for the purposes aforesaid on one or more temporary loan bonds to be issued at a rate not exceeding five per cent. per annum, payable on December 1, 1892, and that the amount of said bonds be included in the tax levy next to be made.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be requested to transfer $22,000 from appropriation for additional police to the credit of salary account, Board of Police Commissioners, 1890-1891.

By Mr. Kenny.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be directed to transfer the sum of $500 from the Contingent Fund when available to account of salaries, Board of Finance, 1890-1891.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That James F. Gannon be and is hereby appointed as the agent of this Board to take charge of, to let and collect rentals of property acquired by the city under the "Martin Act," or which may hereafter be so acquired, provided, however, that no lease shall be granted for such property, without the consent of the Board of Finance.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted by the City Hall Commissioners, November 19, 1891, to wit:

"Resolved, That in accordance with the report of the Corporation Counsel a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of John Edelstein for $250 for a conveyance by him of all his reversion in Lot 40, Block 201 Mercer street, recently taken in condemnation for the new City Hall site, which warrant shall be delivered to the Corporation Counsel, who shall deliver the same to said John Edelstein upon the execution of a deed therefor to be approved by the Corporation Counsel, provided that resolution shall be concurred in by the Board of Finance."

Be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance.

The ayes and nays having been ordered on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Excused from voting—President Edelstein.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

By Mr. Allen:

Whereas, Under the provisions of Chapter 134 of the laws of 1891 the number of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners was increased from three members to five members, and the salary of each Commissioner from $2,000 to $2,500 per annum; and

Whereas, The salary of the Clerk of said Board by reason of the additional duties imposed upon him by said act was increased from $1,800 to $2,500 per annum; and

Whereas, The appropriation made for such salaries at the present rate for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1891, is insufficient in view of the provisions of said Act;

Resolved, That the appropriation of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for salary account for the present fiscal year for the purpose of paying the balance of the salaries of said Commissioners and Clerk be increased to the sum of $2,741.31.

Resolved, That in order to provide funds for the above appropriation the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow said sum of $2,741.31 on one or more temporary loan bonds at a rate of interest not to exceed five per cent., the payment

thereof to be provided for in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer to be deposited to the credit of December, 1891, interest, for $72,930.

To General Account...........	$13,500 00
To General Account to pay adjusted assesment bonds......	42,000 00
To Water Account to pay adjusted assessment water bonds	17,430 00
	$72,930 00

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Charles H. Caulfield for twelve dollars and fifty cents for taxes of 1889, paid in error by him on February 17, 1891, on lot 4, block 618, Nelson avenue, said tax having theretofore been paid to the City Collector by Michael Toomey, the former owner of said lot.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer to transfer from adjusted lien account collections made September 30 to November 17, 1891, as follows:

To Water Account, $1,351.23, adjusted water rents.

To Assessment Account, $5,394.89, adjusted assessments.

To General Account, $1,017.06, adjusted taxes, 1890.

To Tax Arrearage 1889, $1,157.34, adjusted taxes, 1889.

To Tax Arrearage 1888, $1,456 89, adjusted taxes, 1888.

To General Account, $520, tax sale advertising fees.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, $8,350.64, adjusted taxes 1875 to 1887.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, $4,750.87, interest on adjusted taxes, etc.

To Fund 1873, $717.34, adjusted taxes 1872 and previous years.

To Fund 1873, $1,317.19, adjusted taxes 1873 and 1874.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the following persons;

Jacob Ringle, services as Sinking Fund Commissioner, three months ending November 30, 1891, $125.

James G. Hasking, services as Sinking Fund Commissioner, three months, ending November 30, 1891, $125.

Alva A. Bedell, services as Sinking Fund Commissioner, three months, ending November 30, 1891, $125.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That upon the reports of Corporation Counsel and City Treasurer endorsed upon the petition of Silas McArthur, a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Silas McArthur for three hundred and fifty-six dollars and thirty-eight cents for amount of surplus realized upon the tax sale under chapter 112 of the laws of 1886, and the supplements thereunto, made by the City Collector on October 9, 1889, of lot 28, block 703, Jefferson avenue, over and above the sum as adjusted due the city, with interest, costs and disbursements.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That upon the reports of the Corporation Counsel and City Treasurer, endorsed upon the petition of John A. Sell, a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John A. Sell for one hundred and fifteen dollars and twenty-two cents for amount of surplus realized upon tax sale under Chapter 112 of the Laws of 1886, and the supplements thereto, made by the City Collector on October 22, 1890, on lots 69 and 70, block 749, Sherman avenue, over and above the sum as adjusted due the city, with interest, costs and disbursements.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Allen was excused at this point and retired from the meeting.

By Mr. Hillier:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of C S. Westervelt for $50 for services as clerk to the Sinking Fund Commission during October and November, 1891. when due.

By Mr. Hillier:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of N. P. Wedin for $50 for services as assistant clerk to District Court for November, 1891, when due.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Allen and Peterson.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

W. G. German,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Tuesday, December 1, 1891, at eight o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Louis Etesse for transfer of payment of assessment made in error.

Petition of Patrick Foley for return of duplicate payment of water rents.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $41.42 for messenger service, Board of Finance, November, 1891.

Claim of Frank McDermott of $60 for ice, to December 1, 1891.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication from the Treasurer, giving statement of bank balances and sinking funds to December 1, 1891, was received, ordered spread upon the minutes and filed:

BANK BALANCES

BANK.	ACCOUNT.	AMOUNT.
Second National,	General	$27,695 51
Third National,	General	38,929 25
Hudson County,	General	77,442 01
Second National,	Water	288 56
Hudson Co. National,	Water	9,617 98
Hudson Co. National,	Assess't	80,725 77
Second National,	Special School	56 232 17
Third National,	Special Street	13,434 11
Hudson Co. National,	"	5,513 63
Second National,	Adjusted Liens	13,703 80
Hudson Co. National,	Surplus	12,979 32

SINKING FUNDS.
(Second National Bank.)

ACCOUNT.	AMOUNT.
Tax arrearage fund	$31,482 20
" " " 1889	11,344 46
" " " 1888	10,362 65
Sinking fund, 1873	4,105 72
" " 1882, No. 1	915 22
" " 1882, No. 2	1,533 27
" " 1888	436 47
" " 1889, No. 1	187 39
" " 1889, No. 2	1,739 29
Water sinking fund	3,220 81
Special, general account	10,256 51
Water sinking fund, 1916	14,000 00
" " " 1921	1,000 00
Sidewalk account	8,243 62

Communication from the Board of Aldermen requesting an appropriation of $9,750 for payment of salaries to May, 1892.

Communication from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting an appropriation of $6,000 to equip an engine company in the Greenville district.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and recommended that the same be concurred in:

1. Awarding contract to R. D. Wood & Co. for 1,050 lengths of cast iron water pipe.
2. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:

Assessments and Extensions, laying water pipe, October, 1891, $2,579.75.

Assessments and Extensions, repairing water pipe, October, 1891, $3,303.

Assessment and Extensions, paving over water pipe, October, 1891, $300.50.

Assessments and Extensions, repairing water gates, October, 1891, $316.

Pumping and Reservoirs, Belleville and High Service, October, 1891, $5,077.77.

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received, and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote-

Ayes — President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims, and recommended the drawing of warrants in payment of the same:

$40.24, the American District Telegraph Co., messenger service, Mayor's office, March, 1891.

$28.78, the American District Telegraph Co., messenger service, Mayor's office, July 1891.

$52.70, the American District Telegraph Co., messenger service, Mayor's office, August, 1891.

$46 93, the American District Telegraph Co., messenger service, Board of Finance, October, 1891.

$41 42, the American District Telegraph Co., messenger service, Board of Finance, November, 1891.

$5.50, J. B. Cleveland, certified copy of laws.

$292.75, J. W. Harrison, stationery for City Collector.

$407.50, P. H. Hanley, for furniture.

$26, the Jersey City News for printing manuals.

$13 83, the Jersey City Electric Light Co., lighting Collector's office, October, 1891.

$4.20, Robert Lightfoot, for typewriting,

$60, Frank McDermott, ice, City Hall, to December 1, 1891.

$38.55, the United Gas Improvement Co., gas, City Hall, October, 1891.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent — Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be requested to make transfers of appropriations made to the Board of Tax Commissioners, 1890-1891, as follows:

From field and assessment books to extra clerk hire, $385.

From field and assessment books, incidental expenses, $358.

From printing and stationery to incidental expenses, $316.15.

From horse and wagon to incidental expenses, $145.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to correct the assessment for 1888 and 1889 against lot 51, block 551, Union street, by making the same to appear as a vacant lot at a valuation of $250 for each year.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That warrants be withdrawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of that officer, to transfer from adjusted lien account collections made November 17 to November 28, 1891, as follows:

To Water Account, $673.94, adjusted water rents.

To Assessment Account, $3,423 74, adjusted assessments.

To General Account, $1,247.88, adjusted taxes, 1890.

To General Account, $4, tax sale advertising fees.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1889, $1,476.40, adjusted taxes, 1889.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1888, $980.79, adjusted taxes, 1888.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, $5,459.25, adjusted taxes, 1875 to 1887.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, $29.99, interest on adjusted taxes, etc.

To Fund 1873, $104.98, adjusted taxes, 1872 and previous years.

To Fund 1873, $65 55, adjusted taxes, 1873 and 1874.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $30,000 on account of county taxes.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in payment of the following claims incurred by the former Board of Finance and Taxation, the same to be paid out of the Contingent Funds, Board of Finance 1891-92, Martin Act receipts account.

$275, Jordan Stationery Company for bonds for City Clerk.

$45.75, Jordan Stationery Company for printing.

$120, Jordan Stationery Company for printing Comptroller's office.

$173, Jordan Stationery Company for stationery.

$400, Jordan Stationery Company for Assessors' books.

$388, The Argus Printing Company for printing manuals, &c.

$236.75, The Argus Printing Company for printing Comptroller's report, &c.

$259.75, The Argus Printing Company for advertising and stationery.

$130.30, The Argus Printing Company for stationery and forms.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the resolutions passed by this Board on July 7, 1891, authorizing the issue of $15,000 of 4½ per cent. Bonds due January 1, 1909; also the resolution passed the same date, limiting the expenditure of moneys in connection with erection of new police department buildings to $95,000 be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of an act entitled, "An act to authorize the acquisition of real estate and the erection of buildings thereon for the use of police departments in the cities of this State," approved April 8, 1889, and the supplements thereto approved May 3, 1890, and March 9, 1891, one or more bonds be issued for the sum of $20,000 to be dated December 1, 1891, with interest payable January 1 and July 1 at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, with principle payable January 1, 1909, the proceeds of the sale of said bonds to be devoted to the payment of expenses for the erection of police stations of the city.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That in accordance with the act approved March 24, 1873, a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer to transfer $860 from assessment account to the credit of Engineering Bureau, Board of Street and Water Commissioners, 1891-92, the same being amount due for services rendered by said Bureau and included in the expenses of the following improvements:

Improvement of Pearsall avenue, Old Bergen Road to Garfield avenue..........................	$350 00
Improvement of North street, Central to Durham avenue..........	160 00
Improvement of Montgomery street, Bergen to Westside avenue	175 00
Improvement of Cambridge avenue, Griffith to Hutton streets..	175 00
Total.............................	$860 00

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

On motion of Mr. Kenny the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Tuesday, December 8, 1891, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelestein, Messrs. Allen Hillier and Kenny.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

The call for the meeting, which was for the transaction of general business, was read by the clerk.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and the clerk was directed to call for proposals for the issue of $996,000 five per cent city bonds in accordance with the resolution adopted November 11, 1891.

The following four bids were received and referred to the Committee on the whole:—

General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New York,
December 4, 1891.
Hon. Board of Finance,
Jersey City, N.J.

GENTLEMEN:—

We would respectfully present our bid for $1000 Water Bonds, 5 per cent., due January 2, 1922, bidding par for the same. The above bid is to replace Water Bond No. 67 for $1000, which became due and payable on the first instant, the rate on this bond being seven per cent.

Very respectfully,
R. T. DAVIES,
Treasurer.

New York, December 8, 1891.
William G. German, Esq., Clerk:

DEAR SIR—We hereby make the following bid 100 16 for the whole amount $996,000 five per cent bonds of the City of Jersey City which are to be issued January 2, 1892, in conformity with your circular for proposals dated November 18, 1891. Yours truly,

HOLLISTER & BABCOCK.

NEW YORK, December 8, 1891.
Hon. Board of Finance, Jersey City, N. J.:

GENTLEMEN—I beg to submit a bid of 102.90 for $50,000 Jersey City five per cent bonds, payable January, 1922, advertised to be sold by your Board today. Very respectfully,

GEORGE A. BENWELL.

NEW YORK, December 8, 1891.
William G. German, Esq., Clerk Board of Finance, Jersey City, N. J.:

DEAR SIR—Referring to your circular of November 18, 1891, in regard to the issue of $996,000 of five per cent bonds of your city, payable January 2, 1922, we will give 103.07 and accrued interest for the whole or any part of the same.

We understand that the bonds are deliverable on January 2, 1892, and if awarded the bonds will thank you to confirm this and supply us with the other details in regard to the bonds. Yours very truly,

VERMILYE & CO.

A recess of twenty minutes was then taken.

The Board reassembled at 2:55 o'clock p. m., the same members being present.

On motion the regular order of business was then resumed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Jersey City Electric Light Co. of $15 41 for lighting Collector's office, November, 1891.

Claim of the Jersey City Electric Light Co. of $8.75 for wireing City Treasurer's office.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $10.50 for advertising sale of bonds.

Claim of the Jersey City News for $17 for printing law case.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $18.50 for printing manuals, &c.

Claim of P. H. Hanley of $3.50 for repairing chairs.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $309.15 for stationery.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $57 25 for stationery for Comptroller.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $75 for warrant books.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $148.20 for assessors books, &c.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Resolution of the Board of Tax Commissioners fixing salaries of five extra clerks, at $1,000 per annum, to date from December 1, 1891.

Communication from the Board of Education requesting transfers of unexpended balance.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following communications from the Board of Police Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee of the Whole:

JERSEY CITY, N. J.,
Dec. 8, 1891.

Hon. Board of Finance:

The following is a copy of resolutions passed by the Board of Police Commissioners December 7, 1891.

Respectfully.
G. P. ROBINSON,
Clerk.

Whereas, The appropriation of $5,000 made to this Board in the tax levy for the present fiscal year for the extension of the Hospital is insufficient to construct said building in such a manner as to meet the present wants of the city; and

Whereas, In the judgment of this Board at least the sum of $3,800 additional, making the sum of $8,800 in all, will be required to construct such building in an economical manner, according to the plans submitted for that purpose, which provide only for the immediate necessities of the city.

Resolved, That in order to construct said building in a proper manner for the accommodation of patients, and especially for the proper retirement of patients suffering from dangerous maladies, the honorable Board of Finance be requested to appropriate to this Board for the purpose aforesaid the additional sum of $3,800 from the contingent fund of the Board of Finance.

Whereas, The appropriation of $2,000 made to this Board in the tax levy for the present fiscal year for the repairs of the Oakland Avenue Police Station is insufficient to repair such building in such a manner as to render the same fit for occupation; and

Whereas, In the judgment of this Board at least the sum of $2,950, additional, making $4,950 in all, will be required to make such repairs;

Resolved, That in order to place said building in a proper condition for the transaction of the public business and the care of prisoners, the honorable Board of

Finance be requested to appropriate to this Board for the purpose aforesaid the additional sum of $2,950, and raise the sum in such manner that repayment can be had out of the next tax levy, or from the contingent fund of the Board of Finance.

The following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:

Pumping and Reservoirs—Bellville and High Service, November, 1891, $4,932.91.

2. Ordering paid $125 to G. W. C. Phillips for services as chemist for six months ending November 1, 1891.

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and recommended that the same be concurred in:

1. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims and recommended the payment of the same:

$15 41, the Jersey City Electric Light Co., for lighting Collector's office, November, 1891.

$8.75, the Jersey City Electric Light Co., for wireing Treasurer's office.

$10.50, the Jersey City Herald for advertising sales of bonds.

$17, the Jersey City News for printing law case of Jersey City versus the American Docks Improvement Co.

$18.50, the Jersey City News for printmanuals, etc.

$3.50, P. H. Hanley, for repairing chairs.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

MILCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hillier:—

Resolved, That the bid of Vermilye & Co. this day received, at the rate of $103.07, with accrued interest, for the whole issue of $996,000—5-per-cent. city bonds, directed to be issued by this Board on November 11, 1891, be and the same is hereby accepted; and

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be authorized to deliver said bonds under the direction of the Committee on Finance of this Board upon the payment to the City Treasurer of the amount bid as aforesaid, and that said Committee notify said Vermilye & Co. when said bonds will be ready for delivery at the office of the City Treasurer.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That the sum of $1,600 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the contingent fund of this Board for the special purpose of having the charter of this city, with the various supplements thereto and acts concerning the same and such other information as may be desirable, prepared for publication and printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City; and, that the Corporation Counsel be requested and directed to have said compilation prepared under his supervision and printed, at a cost not to exceed such appropriation, and that the City Comptroller be directed to set aside said sum of $1,600 out of said contingent fund as a special appropriation for the purposes aforesaid.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be requested to transfer the sum of $34.62 from the contingent fund, Board of Finance, to the credit of Police Justices' salary account, Board of Police Commissioners, 1890-1891.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That the sum of $700 be and is hereby appropriated out of the contingent fund of this Board to the Board of Education to be used exclusively by said Board in the purchase of text books for use in the night schools, and that the Comptroller be requested to make the transfer aforesaid.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the law officers of the city be directed to give a relicta in the suit brought by William H. Conyes against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City for the erection of temporary quarters for engine house No. 1, for $497 and costs.

By Mr. Allen,

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for $50,000 on account of county taxes of 1891.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Herbert Booth King & Bro. for $105 for advertising for proposals for city bonds in New York papers.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Patrick Foley for $8.48 to return duplicate payment of water rents of 1889 on lot 33, block 118, De Kalb avenue, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Allen:

Whereas, The appropriation for election for the past fiscal year was not sufficient and it is necessary to provide a further sum to pay the expenses of registry and election, therefore

Resolved, That for the purpose of paying the balance of the expenses for registry and election for the past fiscal year the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to borrow the sum of not exceeding $14,500, hereby appropriated for the purpose aforesaid, on one or more temporary loan bonds, to be issued at a rate not exceeding 5 per cent. per annum, payable on demand, and that the amounts be included in the tax levy next to be made, provided that whereas there is due from the Board of Chosen Freeholders on this account the sum of $7,108.25, the said sum when received shall be applied toward the payment of said loan.

By Mr. Allen:

Whereas, A certain requisition issued by the Comptroller of Jersey City, April 1, 1891, in payment of interest due at that

time to Ada Ann Putnam on the following registered bond of Jersey City, to wit: Bond 80, in the sum of $1,000, has been lost in the mail, and after due and proper search cannot be found, and has never been received by the said Ada Ann Putnam; and

Whereas, The said Ada Ann Putnam has prepared and executed a bond in the sum of $60 to indemnify the city against any loss in the payment thereof, and which bond is believed a sufficient security; therefore

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue a requisition or draft upon the City Treasurer for the same amount to the said Ada Ann Putnam in payment of said interest due to her April 1, 1891, and that the bond herewith attached be placed on file in the office of the City Comptroller.

By Mr. Allen:

Whereas, A certain requisition issued by the Comptroller of Jersey City December 1, 1890, in payment of interest due at that time to Alice S. Henop on the following registered bond of Jersey City, to wit: Bond 2,065, in the sum of $1,000, has been lost in the mail, and after due and proper search cannot be found and has never been received by said Alice S. Henop; and

Whereas, The said Alice S. Henop has prepared and executed a bond in the sum of $100 to indemnify the city against any loss in the payment thereof, and which bond is believed to be a sufficient security: therefore

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to issue a duplicate requisition or draft upon the City Treasurer for the same amount to the said Alice S. Henop in payment of said interest due to her December 1, 1890, and that the bond herewith attached be placed on file in the office of the City Comptroller.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That upon the reports of the Corporation Counsel and the City Treasurer endorsed upon the petition of Margaret Gaffney a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Margaret Gaffney for $1.112.17, for amount of surplus realized upon the tax sale under Chapter 112 of the laws of 1886, and the supplements thereto made by the City Collector on April 2, 1890, of lot 19, block 198, Grand street, over and above the sum as adjusted due the city, with interest, costs and disbursements, which warrant shall be delivered to the Corporation Counsel for delivery to the said Margaret Gaffney upon the execution of a proper release by her.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That upon the reports of the Corporation Counsel and the City Treasurer endorsed upon the petition of Margaret Gaffney a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Margaret Gaffney for $1,212.17 for amount of surplus realized upon the tax sale under Chapter 112 of the Laws of 1886, and the supplements thereto, made by the City Collector on April 2, 1890, of lot 18, block 198, Grand street, over and above the sum as adjusted due the city with interest, costs and disbursements, which warrant shall be delivered to the Corporation Counsel for delivery to said Margaret Gaffney upon the execution of a proper release by her.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the sum of $2,950 be appropriated out of the Contingent Fund of this Board to the Board of Police Commissioners to be used by said Board in the repair of the Third Precinct Station House in addition to their present appropriation for that purpose, and that the sum of $417.46 be appropriated out of the Contingent Fund of this Board to the Board of Police Commissioners to be used in the payment of extra bills for carpenter work on the Fourth Precinct Station House, and that the Comptroller be directed to make the transfers aforesaid.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That $3,800 be appropriated out of the Contingent Fund of this Board of Police Commissioners to be used by said Board exclusively in addition to the appropriation of $5,000 heretofore appropriated in the tax levy, in the erection of a new building in connection with the City Hospital, according to the plans heretofore adopted by said Police Commissioners, under contract to be awarded by said Board, and that the Comptroller be directed to make the transfer aforesaid.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Tuesday, December 15, 1891, at eight o'clock p. m.

Present—Mr. Kenny.

Absent—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Peterson.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting was adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Wednesday, December 23, 1891, at eight o'clock p. m.

Absent—All the members.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting stood adjourned.

W. G GERMAN,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance held in the City Hall, Tuesday evening, December 29, at 8 o'clock.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

The call for the meeting, which was for the transaction of general business, was read by the Clerk.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of the estate of James Kennedy for return of taxes paid in error.

Petition of William B. Nichols for return of duplicate payment of taxes.

Petition of William Caldwell for return of taxes paid in error.

Petition of J. K. Morgan for return of duplicate payment of water rents.

Three (3) petitions of Abigail P. Wauters et al., for return of surplus paid in redemption of lands sold for unpaid taxes, etc.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Judgment claim of William R. Barricklo, attorney for James Gray, for $333.50, recovered against the city.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance

Claim of P. F. Botzong of $60 for serving tax sale notices.

Claim of William D. Edwards of $240 42 for incidental expenses.

Claims of Jersey City Electric Light Company of $12, for light in City Treasurers' office, November, 1891.

Claim of Jersey City Herald of $11.70 for advertising tax notice.

Claim of Jersey City News of $55 50 for advertising sale of city bonds.

Claim of Jersey City News of $81,25 for advertising tax valuation notices.

Claim of Jersey City News of $105 for advertising tax valuation notices.

Claim of Hugh Mootz of $2.60 for repairing locks in City Collector's office.

Claim of New Jersey Herald for $30 for advertising sale of city bonds.

Claim of New Jersey Staats Zeitung of $66 for advertising tax notice.

Claims of United Gas Improvement Company of $31.05, for gas, City Hall, November, 1891.

Claim of F. P. Van Saun of $150, for typewritting machine and desk.

Claim of Richard Wade of $110, for repairing roof of City Hall.

Claim of George E. Watson & Co., of $11.50, for office chair.

Claim of Robert H. & Weaver of $2, for repairing awnings in City Treasurer's office.

Claim or Robert H. Weaver of $3, for repairing awnings in City Collector's office.

Claim of N. P. Wedin of $50, for services as Assistant Clerk of District Court.

Received and referred to Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Resolution of the City Hall Commission authorizing the purchase of four additional lots for City Hall site purposes.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Communication from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfer of unexpended balance.

Communication from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting transfer of $10,000 from "additional police" to "salary" account.

Communication from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting transfer of unexpended balances.

Communication from the Board of Aldermen requesting additional appropriation of $994.99 for District Courts.

Communication from the Board of Aldermen requesting reapportionment of appropriation for outdoor poor.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Awarding contract to Henry Byrne for cleaning streets, and requesting an additional appropriation of $11,500 for said purpose.
2. Awarding contract to George D. Bernius for sewer on Virginia avenue, from Jackson avenue to Bergen avenue.
3. Awarding contract to P. J. Condon for mason work of Public School No. 25.
4. Awarding contract to Kelly Brothers for carpenter work and painting of Public School No. 25.
5. Awarding contract to Philip E. Martin for gas and steam fitting of Public School No. 25
6. Awarding contract to John English & Son for cut stone work for Public School No. 25.
7. Ordering paid $16,500 to W. G. E. See for new High School site.
8 Requesting the credit of $80,000 to Water Account in anticipation of collection of water rents of 1892.
9. To advertise sale of scrap iron at pipe yard, etc.
10. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:

Assessments and extensions, Water Registrar, etc., December, 1891, $3,068.31.

Pumping and Reservoirs, Belleville and High Service, November, 1891, $4,932.91.

11. Ordering paid $100 to Michael Kelly for services as foreman in May, 1891.
12. Three (3) resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

The following resolution of the Board of Tax Commissioners was received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

Resolved, That the extra clerks in the employ of this Board receive salary from December 1, 1891, at the rate of $1,000 per annum.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and recommended that they be concurred in:

1. Awarding to P. J. Condon contract for mason work on Public School No. 25.
2. Awarding to Kelly Bros. contract for carpenter work and painting on Public School No. 25.
3. Awarding to John English & Sons contract for cut stone work on Public School No. 25.
4. Awarding to Philip E. Martin contract for gas fitting, etc., Public School No. 25.
5. Ordering paid $16,500 to W. G. E. See for new site for High School.

6. Ordering paid certain payrolls.
7. Ordering paid $125 to G. W. C. Phillips for services as chemist to November 1, 1891.
8. Authorizing the sale of scrap iron at pipe yard, etc.

The ayes and nays being called upon each of the above resolutions the report was received and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

The same committee reported a resolution of the Board of Tax Commissioners fixing at $1,000 the salaries of extra clerks of said Board, and recommended that it be concured in.

The ayes and nays being called on the above resolution the report was received and the resolution concurred in by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the following resolutions, and recommended that they be adopted:

1. Ordering paid the regular monthly pay roll for December, 1891, when due.
2. Ordering paid $229.16 each to the Jersey City News, Evening Journal, New Jersey Staats Zeitung and Jersey City Herald for printing official minutes during the month of December, 1891, when due.
3 Ordering paid $30 to C. S. Westervelt for extra services in itemizing reports of Commissioners of Adjustment, when due.

The ayes and nays being called on each of the above resolutions, the report was received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims and recommended that they be paid:

$60, P. F. Botzong, serving notices of tax sales.

$12, the Jersey City Electric Light Company, light City Treasurer's office, November, 1891.

$11.70, the Jersey City Herald, advertising tax notice.

$55.50, the Jersey City News, advertising sale of city bonds.

$105.55, the Jersey City News, advertising tax notice.

$2.60, Hugo Mootz, repairing lock in City Collector's office.

$30, the New Jersey Staats Zeitung, advertising sale of city bonds.

$66, the New Jersey Staats Zeitung, advertising tax notice.

$31.05, the United Gas Improvement Company, gas, City Hall, November, 1891.

$150, F. P. Van Saun, typewriting machine and desk.

$110, Richard Wade, repairing roof of City Hall.

$11.50, George E. Watson & Co., office chair.

$2, Robert H. Weaver, repairing awnings, etc., City Treasurer's office.

$3, Robert H. Weaver, repairing awnings, etc., City Collector's office.

The ayes and nays being called on each of the above resolutions, the report was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absen—Mr. Peterson.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That F. P. Van Saun be and is hereby appointed stenographer and typewrite, also extra clerk to record adjusted tax sales in the City Comptroller's office, at a monthly salary of $25, the same to take effect December 1, 1891.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered on the City Treasurer in favor of F. P. Van Saun for $25 for extra services in recording adjusted tax sales during December, 1891.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Charles H. Mulliken for $500, being the amount of a judgement without costs, recovered by said Mulliken against the city on November 25, 1891, in the Hudson Circuit Court, which warrant shall be delivered only upon the execution and delivery of a proper satisfaction piece therefor, certified to by the Corporation Counsel; and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow the sum of $500 on temporary loan bond, to run at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum, and payment thereof to be provided for in the tax levy next hereafter to be made.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Abigail P. Wauters, Garret Wauters, Eunice Wilson, Ida Van Gruber and Stephen Wauters for amounts of surplus realized upon tax sales on March 26, 1890, as follows:—Lot part K, block 625, Forrest street, $75.93; lot part K, block 625, Virginia avenue, $559.01, and lot G, block 636, Bergen and Virginia avenues, $1,024.40, over and above the sums as adjusted due the city, with interest, costs and disbursements, which warrant shall be delivered to the Corporation Counsel to the end that a proper release may be obtained therefor.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Herbert Harney for $2,868.43, amount of surplus realized upon tax sale upon April 2, 1891, of lot G, block 200, York street, over and above as adjusted due city, with interest, costs and disbursements.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the law officers of the city be authorized to enter a relicta in the suit now pending in the New Jersey Supreme Court, brought by William R. Cook against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, and to consent to the entry of a judgment therein for $17,000, without costs, being a reduction of over $1,100 upon the principal and interest of said claim.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of M. F. McCartin, Deputy City Collector, $102.77, and of W. H. Tuttle, Chief Clerk

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to Collector, for $61.66, being amount of respective increases of salaries fixed by this Board under chapter 241 of the laws of 1890, due from June 9 to July 15, 1890, inclusive, to be charged against the Contingent Fund, Board of Finance, 1891-1892.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William R. Barricklo, attorney for James Gray, for $333.50, amount of judgment and costs recovered in the Hudson Circuit Court, December 15, 1891, in a suit wherein the Mayor and Aldermen were defendants, and that the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow said amount at not exceeding five per cent. on temporary bonds to be provided for in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the City Hall Commissioners December 17, 1891, to purchase four city lots fronting on Mercer and Montgomery streets, forming a strip 50x100 feet, and adjoining on the west the property already purchased as a site for a new City Hall, and if any part of said strip cannot be secured at a reasonable price, to acquire the same by condemnation, be and the same is hereby concurred in by this Board.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited to the credit of January, 1892, interest:

For $45,640 on General Account.

For $47,180 on General Account, to pay interest on Assessment Account bonds.

For $49,060.42 on Water Account.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, account of county taxes for 1891, for $40,000.

By Mr. Allen.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of N. P. Wedin for $50 for services as assistant clerk to district court, December, 1891, when due.

Charge District Court receipts.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of J. K. Morgan for $27.13 to return duplicate payment of water rents of 1891 on lot E. block 101, No. 242 Warren street, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That upon receiving a warrant for the sum of $34,611.05, signed by the President and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library for Jersey City, the Treasurer be directed to pay said sum of $34,611,06 to the Treasurer of said Trustees, being the amount appropriated in the last annual tax levy for the Free Public Library after deducting therefrom $143.01 for interest paid by the city as agreed with said Trustees.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be requested to transfer the sum of $1,675 from appropriation for Salaries to credit of Claims Account, Board of Fire Commissioners, 1890-1891.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be requested to transfer the sum of $10,000 from appropriation for Additional Police to credit of Salary Account, Board of Police Commissioners, 1891-1892.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William B. Nichols for $5.68, to return duplicate payment of taxes of 1891 on lots 180 and 181, block 184, Duncan avenue.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be requested to transfer the unexpended balances of appropriations of 1890-1891, except pensions, to credit of Station Houses and Prisons Account, Board of Police Commissioners, for said year.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be requested to reapportion the appropriation for relief of outdoor poor, Board of Aldermen, 1891-1892, as follows:

December, 1891 to April, 1892, inclusive, $1,000 per month.

May to November, 1892, inclusive, $142 85 per month.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

By Mr. Kenny and adopted:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it be to meet Saturday, January 2, 1892, at two o'clock p. m.

The Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Saturday, Jan. 2, 1892, at two o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Absent—Messrs. Hellier and Peterson.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Peter Donohue of $3 for coach hire for City Treasurer.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of W. G. E. See, attorney for William H. Conges, of $524.21, judgment and costs recovered against the city.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committeee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Requesting an appropriation of $4,500 to the credit of Engineering Bureau.
2. Ordering paid certain claims incurred in 1888 for repairs to streets to be paid out of Contingent Fund.
3. Ordering paid certain claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims, and recommended the payment of the same:

$3, Peter Donohue, for coach hire for City Treasurer.

The ayes and nays having been ordered on the above report. it was received and the claim ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Phillip A. McGovern, Edward Devlin and Devereaux Noonan for $90 each, for services rendered as extra Clerks to the City Collector in making out tax bills, etc., from November 24 to December 31, 1891, at $75 per month.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be requested to transfer the sum of $513 27 from appropriation for janitors' salaries, to credit of repairs, gas, etc. account, Board of Education, 1890—1891.

By Mr. Allen·

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to call the attention of the Clerks of the District and Police Courts to the laws requiring them turn in to the City Treasury the receipts of their respective Courts within specified periods.

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be requested to report to this Board, monthly, the receipts from the various Courts of the city.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be requested not to sign any warrants for supplies furnished to the District Courts unless the same shall have been furnished under requisitions issued by the proper committee of the Board of Aldermen.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of W. G. E. See, attorney for William H. Conyes, for $524 21, amount of judgment and costs recovered December 13, 1891, in the Hudson Circuit Court. in a suit wherein the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City were defendants.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of James D. Manning, attorney, for $135.45, amount of judgment and costs recovered October 16, 1891, upon the assigned claim of Hayden & Mackin, in a suit wherein the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City were defendants.

Resolved, That in order to provide for the payment of said judgments, the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow the amount necessary upon temporary bonds to be provided for in the next tax levy and to bear interest not exceeding 5 per cent. per annum.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of that officer to transfer from adjusted lien accounts collections made November 28 to December 31, 1891, as follows:—

To Water Account, $1,267.13. adjusted water rents.

To Assessment Account, $8,566.19, adjusted assessments.

To General Account, $3,025.95, adjusted taxes, 1890.

To General Account, $12, tax sale advertising fees.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1889, $3,426.24, adjusted taxes, 1889.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1888, $3,316.68, adjusted taxes, 1888.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, $21,109.98, adjusted taxes, 1875 to 1887.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, $560.72, interest on adjusted taxes, etc.

To Fund, 1873, $398.22, adjusted taxes 1872, and previous years.

To Fund, 1873, $330.30, adjusted taxes, 1873 and 1874.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That under the provisions of Chapter 103 of the Laws of 1888 the salary of Thomas K. Halstead, chief clerk to the City Clerk, be and is hereby fixed at the rate of $125 per month. to date from December 1, 1891.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Thomas K. Halstead for $25, being balance of salary due for the month of December, 1891, as chief clerk to the City Clerk.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the date fixed for the reception of taxes of 1891 by the City Collector, without penalties, be and is hereby extended until January 15, 1892.

By President Edelstein:

Whereas, The sum of $7,000 was appropriated by this Board to the Board of Fire Commissioners for repairs to engine houses for the present fiscal year. and it now appears by the opinion of the Corporation Counsel that such appropriation should have been made to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners;

Resolved, That said appropriation of $7,000 be and the same is hereby transferred from the Board of Fire Commissioners to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners to be by that Board expended during the present fiscal year in repairs to engine houses.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of an act entitled "An act concerning cities," approved April 21, 1876, and the supplements thereto and also an act entitled "An act relating to the issue of temporary loan bonds in cities of this State," approved April 21, 1884, one or more bonds be issued for the sum of $450.000 in anticipation of the collection of taxes of Jersey City for 1890; said bonds to be dated January 2, 1892, and payable January 1, 1897, with interest, payable semi-annually on July 1, and January 1, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, and the proceeds derived from the sale of said bonds, be applied for the payment of a like amount of temporary loan bonds.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the followieg vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

By Mr. Kenny and laid over:

Whereas, The sum of $5,000 was appropriated in the tax budget for the present fiscal year to the Board of Education for repairs, gas, heating and ventilating, and it now appears from the opinion of the Corporation Counsel that the appropriation for repairs should have been made to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners.

Resolved, That the sum of $2,500, being one-half of the whole of said appropriation, be and the same is hereby transferred from the Board of Education to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, to be expended by said latter Board in repairs to the Public Schools.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Tuesday, January 5, 1892, at 8 o'clock p m.

Present—President Edlestein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny,

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the International Bank Note Co., of $1,920 for engraving city bonds, etc.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co., of $43.93 for messenger service Board of Finance, December, 1891.

Claim of the Jersey City News, of $55 for printing tax bills.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Awarding contract to Charles O'Neill for improvement of Jackson avenue, from Claremont avenue to the Newark and New York Railroad.

2. Awarding contract to Henry Byrne for the improvement of Eleventh street, from Jersey avenue to Coles street.

3. Awarding contract to Henry Byrne for the improvement of Ninth street, from Monmouth to Brunswick streets.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was received and ordered entered upon the minutes and filed:

JERSEY CITY, January 5, 1892.

Honorable Board of Finance:

SIRS—The resolution of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners awarding the contract for cleaning the streets and removing the ashes and garbage for the present fiscal year to Henry Byrne, now before you for concurrence, has been referred to me for my opinion. It appears that in answer to the advertisement for proposals a number of bids were received upon the blanks prepared by the Chief Engineer; of these bids that of Henry Byrne was not the lowest; in point of fact it was the highest bid for the work. This bid the Board of Street and Water Commissioners accepted upon the reason, as recited in the resolution, that he "was the responsible bidder who offered the terms most advantageous to the city;" and that a readvertisement would not result in advantage to the city. The resolution of that Board is correct in form. They had a right under the law, upon such a finding of facts, to so award the contract under the provisions of Section 159 of the Charter of 1871, which enacts "that after advertisements the contract shall be awarded to, or the purchase made of; that responsible bidder who offers the terms most advantageous to the city;" this section has been amended so as to exclude from this provision all contracts for street improvements; they must be awarded to the lowest bidder; it is still the law with reference to contracts of the class now under consideration.

Your Board should, therefore, look into the whole matter and examine the various bids made for the work, paying particular attention to the character of the bondsmen offered as security, and if you then find that Henry Byrne is "that responsible bidder who offers the terms most advantageous to the city," you have the right to concur in the award of the contract, but if you do not so find, it is your duty to non-concur. I call your attention to the fact that all the bidders offer in their bids the same terms to the city, aside from the question of price. As I remember it, none of the bidders have offered to do the work within the appropriation made in the tax levy. When you decide to award the contract, you should first increase the appropriation by the sum required to make up the deficiency, under the provisions of Chapter 49 of the Laws of 1890, following the general form of the resolution adopted for a similar purpose last year.

Yours respectfully,
WM. D. EDWARDS,
Corporation Counsel.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and recommended that the same be concurred in:

1. Awarding contract to Charles O'Neill for the improvement of Jackson avenue, from Claremont avenue to the Newark and New York Railroad.

2. Awarding contract to Henry Byrne for the improvement of Ninth street, from Monmouth to Brunswick streets.

3. Awarding contract to Henry Byrne for the improvement of Eleventh street, from Jersey avenue to Coles street.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the report was received and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

The same committee also reported the following resolution of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and recommended that the same be non concurred in:—

1. Awarding contract to Henry Byrne for cleaning the streets and removing ashes and garbage, and also requesting an additional appropriation of $11,500 for said purpose.

Tha ayes and nays having been called, the report was received and the resolution non concurred in by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

The Committee on Finance reported the following claim and recommended the payment of the same:

$1920.50 the International Bank Note Co. for engraving city bonds, etc.

The ayes and nays having been called, the report was received and the claim ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims and recommended the payment of the same:

$43.93 the American District Telegraph

Co., messenger service, Board of Finance, to January 1, 1892.

$55 the Jersey City News for printing tax bills.

The ayes and nays having been called, the report was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That the sum of $1,000 be and is hereby appropriated out of the Contingent Fund of this Board for the immediate use of the Board of Police Commissioners in furnishing the Oakland avenue station house and for no other purpose.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

On motion the Board then adjourned,

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Tuesday, January 19, 1892, at eight o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Michael Foley for return of taxes of 1890 paid in error.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Jersey City Electric Light Co. of $4.46, lighting Treasurer's office, December, 1891.

Claim of the Jersey City Electric Light Co. of $32.86, lighting Collector's office, December, 1891.

Claim of Hugh F. McLaughlin of $110 for coal.

Claim of Frank McDermott of $30 for ice to January 1, 1892

Claim of J. D. C. Outwater of $10 for dictionary for City Comptroller.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was received and ordered entered upon the minutes:

JERSEY CITY, January 5, 1892.

Hon. Board of Finance:

GENTLEMEN:—My opinion has been asked as to whether your Board has the power to borrow $80,000 on temporary loan bonds for the benefit of the Water Department, and in anticipation of water rents now due and payable but hereafter to be collected, said moneys so borrowed to be used in the payment of bills which have accrued against said department. I advise you that you have no such power. When the present Board of Street and Water Commissioners were appointed there was a floating debt of about $414,000 due from the Water Department to the general account of the city, which had been incurred and gradually increased during the past twelve years. This debt had grown out of the long established practice of the city in paying for all extensions of water mains out of the current water receipts, so that when money was required to pay the interest on the funded debt of the department the deficiency had to be made up by loans from the general account. Finally, relief was obtained by the passage of Chapter 263 of the laws of 1891, whereby water bonds to the amount of $350,000 were authorized and issued; those proceeds were paid under the act to the Board of Finance, and at the same time the balance of $64,000 was also paid out of the current water receipts. This draft has proved too heavy for the Water Department as now constituted, hence the application. Under section 132 of the charter of 1871 - temporary loan bonds can be issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes or assessments for improvements, but not for water rents; under this section most of our temporary loan bonds are issued. No construction of this section can include water rents. I find upon examination no supplement to the charter nor any general act authorizing such bonds in anticipation of the collection of water rents, except the above law of 1891 under which you have exhausted your powers. For many years such differences have been made up by loans to the water account from the general account, which would be repaid in whole or in part from the water account during the months of June and July, when the active work of collecting the water rents was in progress and the department was in funds.

"Respectfully submitted,
"WILLIAM D. EDWARDS,
"Corporation Counsel."

Communication from the City Collector acknowledging the filing in his office, January 6, 1892, of the assessment map for the improvement of Woodward street, between Grand street and the Morris Canal, amounting to $5,423 13.

Communication from the City Collector certifying to the filing in his office, January 6, 1892, of Report No. 76 of the Commissioners of Adjustment, amounting to $77,405.79.

Received and ordered filed.

Annual report of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for the fiscal year, ending December 1, 1891.

Received and ordered filed.

The following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent resolutions:

1. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:

Pumping and Reservoirs—Belleville and High Service, December, 1891, $5,097.86.

Assessments and Extensions—General Superintendent, etc., December, 1891, $989.99.

2. Awarding contract to Henry Byrne for cleaning streets, etc., and requesting an additional appropriation for said purpose.

3. Two (2) resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

4. Ordering paid certain claims for street cleaning.

The Clerk reported the service of certified copy of rule to show cause issued in the New Jersey Supreme Court January 9, 1892, and returnable at the State House, Trenton, on the third Tuesday of February, 1892, in the suit of the Trustees of the Free Public Library for Jersey City for $28,236.26, balance of appropriation.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the following resolutions and recommended the adoption of the same:

1. Ordering paid the regular monthly pay roll for January, 1891, when due.

2. Ordering paid $229.16 each to the Jersey City News, the Evening Journal, the New Jersey Staats Zeitung and the Jersey City Herald for printing official minutes during January, 1892, when due.

3. Ordering paid $30 to C. S. Westervelt for extra services in itemizing reports of Commissioners of Adjustment during January, 1892, when due.

4. Ordering paid $25 to Frank P. Van Saun for extra services as stenographer, etc., during January, 1892, when due.

5. Ordering paid $70 to N. P. Wedin for services as Assistant Clerk to the District Court, January, 1892, when due.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the report was received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and recommended that the same be concurred in:

1. Awarding contract to Henry Byrne for cleaning streets and removing ashes and garbage therefrom.

2. Authorizing the improvement of Germania avenue from Thorne street to Carlton avenue.

3 Ordering paid the following claim incurred in 1888 for repairs to streets in excess of appropriations: to be paid out of Contingent Fund, 1890-1891:--$60, P. Curry.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the report was received and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims and recommended that warrants be ordered drawn in payment of the same:

$30 to Frank McDermott for ice to January 1, 1892.

$110 to Hugh F. McLaughlin for coal.

$10 to J. D. C. Outwater for dictionary for City Comptroller.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Edward Riehle for $14 94 for amount of surplus realized upon the tax sale, under Chapter 112 of the Laws of 1886 and the supplements thereto, made by the City Collector October 14, 1891, of Lot 83, Block 881-882 Graham street, over and above the sum as adjusted due the city with interest, costs and disbursements.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer as follows, to be deposited to the credit of February, 1892, interest:

On General Account, $43,090.

On General Account to pay interest on assessment bonds, $2,660.

On Watet Account, $14,625.

By Mr. Allen;

Whereas, It appears from the resolution passed by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners January 18, 1892, that the appropriation of $30,000 for the present fiscal year for the cleaning of streets and the removal of ashes and garbage therefrom will prove insufficient for the proper execution of said work, and that an additional appropriation of $12,500 will be required for that purpose.

Resolved, That under the authority of Chapter 49 of the Laws of 1890 the appropriation to said Board of Street and Water Commissioners for the purpose of cleaning the streets and removing the ashes and garbage therefrom be increased by the sum of $12,500, and

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow said additional appropriation of $12,500 on one or more temporary bonds to bear not exceeding five per cent. interest per annum, and to be provided for in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for $70,000.00 on account of county taxes of 1891.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William R. Cook for $17,000, and amount of judgment and costs entered in the New Jersey Supreme Court, January 5, 1892, in a suit wherein the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City were defendants, and

Resolved, That in order to provide for the payment of said judgment the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow the amount necessary upon temporary bonds to be provided for in the next tax levy and to bear interest not exceeding 5 per cent. per annum.

By Mr. Allen:

Whereas, The Board of Aldermen have by resolution adopted by said Board December 22, 1891, certified to this Board that the appropriation made in the tax levy for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1891, of $9,150, in addition to fees, for payment of salaries of District Courts, was insufficient to pay said salaries as fixed by law and requesting an additional appropriation for said purpose.

Resolved, That the sum of $994.99 be and is hereby appropriated to the Board of Aldermen for payment of District Court salaries, due during the fiscal year, ending November 30, 1891, and for no other purpose.

Resolved, That in order to provide funds for said appropriation, the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow the said amount upon temporary bonds to bear not exceeding 5 per cent. interest per annun, and to be provided for in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the bonds authorized to be issued in anticipation of taxes of Jersey City for 1890, by resolution of this Board, passed January 2, 1892, be made registered bonds, and

Resolved, That the said bonds, and all tax arrearage bonds, hereafter to be issued by Jersey City under the acts of April 21, 1876, and April 21, 1884, be in form as hereto annexed:

(Form of bond.)

Coat of Arms of New Jersey.

United States State of
of America. New Jersey.
No..... $....

The City of Jersey City.

Tax Arrearage.

...... per cent. Bonds.

Know all men by these presents that "The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City," a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, are indebted to .... in the sum of .... dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, for money borrowed in antic

pation of the collection of taxes for the year .... and that the said "The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City" do hereby bind themselves and their successors, well and truly to pay to the said .... or assigns the sum of ...... dollars on .... 18.., with the interest thereon at the rate of .... per cent. per annum from .... 18 ., payable semi-annually on the first day of every .... and .... thereafter, until this bond is paid.

This bond is executed and issued in conformity with a resolution passed by the Board of Finance, ..., 18.., and under authority conferred upon the said "The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City," by virtue of certain acts of the Legislature of New Jersey, entitled "An act concerning cities," approved April 21, 1876, and the supplement thereto approved March 9, 1877, and an act entitled "An act relating to the issue of temporary loan bonds in cities of this State," Approved April 21, 1884.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, This bond is signed by the Mayor of Jersey City, and sealed with the Corporate Seal of the said "The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City," attested by the City Clerk, and countersigned by the Comptroller this .... day of.......... eighteen hundred and ninety .....

Attest......................
City Clerk.

....
Mayor.

Countersigned

....
City Comptroller.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote.—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

Mr. Kenny, at this point, addressed the Board as follows, his remarks being ordered spread upon the minutes:

"Mr. President, with your permission, I desire to bring before this Board a matter that I would prefer had been attended to by the proper departments of the city government, namely, the Fire Commissioners.

"On the evening of January 24, 1891, the Chief Engineer, Henry E. Farrier, and Daniel Dinan, stoker of the Fire Department, were both killed in the performance of their duty as firemen. At that time everyone within our city were grieved at the calamity and would have done anything to assuage the grief of their stricken families, and yet, strange to say, that although there are two laws upon the statute books, one approved March 23, 1888, and the other upon May 9, 1889, which will empower the Fire Commissioners to allow a pension of $150 per year to the widows of firemen or to the minor children of firemen killed in the performance of their duty, up to the present time the law has been allowed to remain in abeyance, while all that was necessary was the passage of a resolution by the Fire Commissioners by a two-third vote allowing the pension.

"Mr. President, my object in calling the attention of the Board to this matter now is that the Board of Finance may set aside out of its contingent fund a sum sufficient to enable the Fire Commissioners to make provision for the payment of pensions to the widows of the late Chief Engineer and of Stoker Daniel Dinan. It is necessary, Mr. President, that the Fire Commissioners shall first pass a resolution allowing the pensions, they see fit.

"Even now, there is not an individual if in the city that would not wish the pension could be made more. The city, or the individual, is worth but little who would hesitate for an instant to make provision for the dependents of firemen or policemem who risk their lives; aye, who give up their lives in order that others may live; speaking for myself, Mr. President, I would wish that the Fire Commissioners were permitted by the law to make the pensions in these cases, or in any occurring hereafter like them, $300 per annum instead of $150.

"Upon the receipt of a proper resolution from the Fire Commissioners relative to this matter I will ask this Board to make provision for the payment of these pensions up to November 30, 1892, and that yearly thereafter there shall be placed in the tax levy and included in the aggregate amount of the annual appropriation for the Fire Department a reasonable allowance for pensions while the widows of Henry E. Farrier and Daniel Dinan live and remain unmarried, and to the minor children if they marry or die, until such minor children shall attain their majority, the pensions to be paid at the same time as the firemen are now or may hereafter be paid.

"A record of the age or ages of any minor children should be made. All of the details will, no doubt, be properly attended to. I hope, in conclusion, Mr. President, that the Fire Department will take prompt action in the matter, and that the Corporation Counsel will cheerfully give them all the legal aid that may be necessary."

Mr. Kenny then presented the following:—

Resolved, That the sum of $600 be and is hereby appropriated and set aside out of the Contingent Fund of the current fiscal year for the purpose of paying lawful pensions to the families of the late Henry E. Farrier, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, and of Daniel Dinan, fireman of No. 3 Engine Company, who were killed in the discharge of their duties as firemen; said money to await a proper demand upon this Board by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That the sum of $425 be and is hereby appropriated out of the Contingent Fund for the current fiscal year for the immediate use of the Board of Education for incidental expenses of night schools and for no other purpose.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That the sum of $2,500, being one-half of the appropriation to the Board of Education for repairs, gas, heating and ventilating for the present fiscal year be transferred to the appropriation of said Board of Education for salaries; provided that the same shall only be used in increasing the salaries of the lowest grade teachers in the public schools from $360 to $400 per annum, and for no other purpose.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

By President Edelstein and adopted:

Moved, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to prepare for presentation to the Legislature an amendment to the Free Library act limiting the annual appropriation therefor to the sum of $10,000.

By Mr. Kenny and adopted:

Moved, That the Clerk be directed to ascertain from the Board of Education how much of the appropriation for the current fiscal year for free text books has been expended for said purpose.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Tuesday, February 2, 1892, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Martin Devitt for return of $92.80, paid December 1, 1870, as assessment for widening of Montgomery street from Jersey avenue to Mill Creek.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $53.02 for messenger service Board of Finance, February, 1892.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $59 12 for messenger service, etc., Mayor's office, February, 1892.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $32.05 for messenger service, etc., Mayor's office.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $41 91 for messenger service, etc., Mayor's office.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $20 for printing manuals.

Claim of Mullins & Co., of $45.03, for carpets, etc.

Claim of Mullins & Co. of $197.15, for supplies for City Marshal.

Claim of the Western Union Telegraph Co. of $3 for time service to Feb. 1, 1892.

Received and referred to the Committee on Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting an additional appropriation of $600 to repair Engines Nos. 4, 8 and 9.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners adopted January 20, 1892, granting pensions to the families of the late Chief Engineer, Henry E. Farrier, and of Daniel Dinan, stoker, of No. 3 Engine Company.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Sinking Fund Commission requesting the drawing of a warrant for $50 in favor of C. S. Westervelt for services as clerk to February 1, 1892.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Resolution of the Board of Aldermen recommending the employment of additional counsel to assist the Corporation Counsel in the South Cove Grant case.

Received and referred to President Edelstein with power.

Resolution of the Board of Aldermen adopted January 26, 1892, to convey certain property purchased by the city at sale of lands for unpaid adjusted taxes, etc., to Frank A. Weber.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communication from the Board of Aldermen requesting the transfer of $1,200 to credit of account for printing, stationery and supplies for District Courts.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance,

Communication from the Commissioners of Adjustment requesting the placing of $7,500 to their credit for current expenses.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners request an appropriation of $5,000 to the credit of account of Engineering Bureau 1891-92.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, were received and referred to the Committee on Current Resolutions.

1. Ordering the following payrolls:

Assessments and extensions—Water Registrar, etc., January 1, 1892, $3,068.31.

Assessments and Extensions—General Superintendent, etc., January 1, 1892, $989.99.

Assessments and Extensions—Labor on meters, December, 1891, $613.33.

2. Ordering paid claim of Hugh Meehan, of $59, for repair to streets in 1888; to be paid out of Contingent Fund.

3. Four (4) resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

The following communication from the City Treasurer was received and ordered spread upon the minutes:

JERSEY CITY, February 2, 1892.

Hon. Board of Finance.

GENTLEMEN:—Herewith find list of balances in the several banks of deposit at the close of business this day and also the returns from the Courts during the month of January for December, 1891.

Respectfully,
J. B. CLEVELAND,
City Treasurer.

DAILY BANK BALANCES, FEB. 2, 1892.

Bank and Account.	Amount.
Second National, General.....	$234,876 64
Third National, General.......	130,117 65
Hudson County National, General......................	202.901 37
Second National, Water......,	3,055 90
Hudson County National, Water......................	15,760 42
Hudson County National, assessment..................	86.707 66
Second County National, Special School.................	19,753 26
Third National, Special Street	1,304 44
Hudson County National, Special Street..................	639 11
Second National, Adjusted Liens....	61,936 61
Hudson County National, Surplus Liens.................	8,112 27
Second National, Special General....	21,522 81
Second National, Sidewalk Account......................	8,053 62

SINKING FUNDS.

Bank and Account.	Amount.
Second National, Tax Arrearage Fund, 1890...........	$1,783 20
Second National, Tax Arrearage Fund, 1889...........	28,195 05
Second National, Tax Arrearage Fund, 1888...........	3,940 53
Second National, Tax Arrearage Fund, 1887 and previous years......................	1,676 93
Second National, Sinking Fund 1873......................	181 20
Second National, Fund 1882, No. 1......................	1,027 72
Second National, Fund 1882, No. 2......................	26,728 48
Second National, Fund 1888....	436 47

Second National, Fund 1889, No. 1	1,122 69
Second National, Fund 1889, No. 2	512 86
Second National, Water Sinking Fund	4.555 81
Second National, Water Sinking Fund, 1916	977 56
Second National, Water Sinking Fund, 1921	1.000 00

COURT RETURNS DURING JANUARY, 1891.

First District Court	$210 88
Second District Court	69 92

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and recommended that they be concurred in:—1. Ordering paid the following claims for street cleaning, etc.; the same to be charged against appropriation for cleaning streets, etc., 1891-1892:—$468.58, $468.58, $468.58, $468.58, $468.58, Henry Byrne.

The ayes and nays having been called, the report was received, and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote:—

Ayes — President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims and recommended the payment of the same:—

$53.02, the American District Telegraph Co., messenger service Board of Finance January, 1892.

$59.12, the American District Telegraph Co., messenger service, Mayor's office, January, 1892.

$41.91, the American District Telegraph Co., messenger service, Mayor's office, October, 1891.

$22.05, the American District Telegraph Co., messenger service, Mayor's office, September, 1891.

$20, the Jersey City News, printing manuals, etc.

$32 86, the Jersey City Electric Light Company, lighting Collector's office, December, 1891.

$4.46, the Jersey City Electric Light Company, lighting Treasurer's office, December, 1891.

$45 03, Mullins & Co., carpets, etc.

$197 15, Mullins & Co., supplies for City Marshal.

$36.30, United Gas Improvement Company, gas, City Hall, December, 1891.

$3, Western Union Telegraph Company, time service to February 1, 1892.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer to transfer from Adjusted Lien Account collections made January 21 to 30, 1892, as follows:

To Water Account, $4,037.31, adjusted water rents.

To Assessment Account, $13,885.62, adjusted assessments.

To General Account, $1,588.30, adjusted taxes, 1891.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1890, $5,131.31, adjusted taxes, 1890.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1889, $4,456.34, adjusted taxes, 1889.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1888, $4,009.42, adjusted taxes, 1888.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, $23,584.39, adjusted taxes, 1875 to 1887.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, $399.24, interest on adjusted taxes.

To Fund, 1873, $1,069.16, adjusted taxes, 1872 and previous years.

To Fund, 1873, $1,996.83, adjusted taxes, 1873 and 1874.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer to the order of the Commissioners of Adjustment for $7,500, out of the proceeds of and collections from adjusted city liens for taxes, tax sales, assessments and water rents; said sum being required by said Commissioners of Adjustment to properly perform and carry out the provisions of the act creating said Commissioners.

By Mr. Hillier:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of C. S. Westervelt for $50 for services as clerk to the Sinking Fund Commission for two months to February 1, 1892.

By President Edelstein:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Edelstein, Charles W. Allen, George R. Hillier, John Kenny and George W. Peterson for $125 each, in payment of salaries as members of the Board of Finance for three months to February 1, 1892.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance, held at the City Hall, Tuesday, February 16, 1892, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Richard Reddy for return of taxes paid in error.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $31.16 for messenger service, December, 1891.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $25.51 for messenger service.

Claim of Michael Courain of $109.67 for repairs to City Hall.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $20 for printing manuals.

Claim of the Jersey City Electric Light Company of $25.33, lighting Mayor's office.

Claim of Jersey City Electric Light Company of $3.26, lighting Treasurer's office.

Claim of the Electric Light Company of $23.58, lighting Collector's office.

Claim of H. F. Jones of $69.18, repairs to City Hall.

Claim of F. Heppenheimer's Sons of $382 for lithographing.

The above were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was received and ordered spread upon the minutes:—

JERSEY CITY, February 4, 1892.

To the Hon. Board of Finance, Jersey City:

GENTLEMEN--My attention has been called to a voluminous resolution passed by the Honorable Board of Aldermen, reciting some of the phases of the history of the grant on the South Cove to Jersey City, and its seizure by the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, under color of a grant by the Riparian Commissioners, and calling upon your Board to employ additional counsel in the progress of the litigation connected therewith. So far as it goes the resolution correctly recites the history of the matter, but if the proposer of the resolution had known the steps which had been taken by the lawyers for the city, and the present situation of the litigation, the Board of Aldermen would not have made this request. When I was appointed Corporation Counsel in 1889 I found among other causes undetermined the ejectment suit brought by the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City against the American Dock and Improvement Company, a sub corporation of the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey for the possession of the South Cove. This suit had been instituted in May, 1886, by my predecessor in office, but had not been urgently pushed to trial. I immediately began a thorough investigation into all questions, records and facts bearing on the case, and prepared the suit for trial; it was noticed for the September and December terms in 1889, and in both instances was continued upon application of the other side. In April, 1890, the trial was held before Justice Dixon of the Supreme Court, sitting without a jury. Mr. Gilbert Collins, who, by reason of his connection with kindred suits in the case, was well acquainted with the facts in controversy, was at my suggestion retained by your honorable body to aid in the trial of the cause. The case was most elaborately presented upon both sides, and upon conclusion taken into consideration by the Justice.

"During the summer of 1890 Judge Dixon found a verdict for the plaintiffs, subject to the opinion of the Supreme Court upon the special case which was brought for the purpose of a writ of error and might turn into a special verdict or finding; this was a victory for the city. Immediately thereafter the special case was prepared; this was a difficult task, but finally obtained the approval of the Judge. The case was noticed for trial at several terms of the Supreme Court sitting at Trenton, but was not reached. Finally in November, 1891, the case came up for hearing before the main court of the Supreme Court, consisting of Chief Justice Beasley and Justices Depue, Van Syckel, and Scudder. The court gave extra time to both sides, and the matter was fully argued by Gov. Bedle and ex-Chancellor Williamson on the part of the railroad company, and Mr. Collins and myself on the part of the city. As in all such cases the judgment of the court was held until the next term; therefore expect a decision in the Supreme Court on opinion day, which will be the 18th of this month This decision the counsel for the city confidently expect will sustain the judgment below and uphold the title of the city to the valuable lands in question.

Throughout this whole litigation His Honor, Mayor Cleveland, has taken great interest in the controversy, and has been constantly informed as to the progress of the suit.

"While it is true that during the past three years a great many extra duties have devolved upon the law officers of the city through various causes, among them (1) the new charter and the necessity for frequent opinions and construction thereof; (2) the act creating the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and the many questions arising upon the transference of powers of other Boards to that body; (3) the service of notices under the Martin act for property purchased by the city; (4) the City Hall Commission and the acquirement of land for its site. Still, I submit that these multifarious duties, together with the ordinary routine of the office, have not worked to the injury of the city on the South Cove litigation. There are fewer cases undetermined and unsettled against the city at present than for many years past.

"There seems to be some misapprehension in the minds of some people as to the attitude of the city in the South Cove matter, and I think that this is a proper time to straighen that matter out. By the act of 1872 the lands were ceded to Jersey City by the State; the city did not accept the grant. In 1874 the Riparian Commissioners attempted to revoke the grant and conveyed the property to the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey; the railroad entered into possession. In 1885

the city did accept the grant and paid the money therefor. The question then arose, how should possession be obtained.

"There were two methods—either the city could obtain possession by force and retain it only so long as it guarded the property by force, or an action of ejectment could be brought. My predecessors in office decided upon the latter course; in this they acted wisely, and upon the suggestion of such thorough lawyers as Gilbert Collins, then Mayor, and Allen L. McDermott, then President of the Board of Finance. The gist of an action in ejectment is that the person entitled to possession is wrongfully deprived therefor by another person, and the judgment of the Court is asked to put the right owner into possession. Without admitting the possession in the railroad company, the city could not bring an action of ejectment.

Pending the action of ejectment and just before the trial of the case, the Board of Street and Water Commissioners passed a resolution to take possession by force, and they did so; the railroad company applied to Judge Knapp for a writ of certiorarie. It was granted upon the application, and Judge Knapp sent for me, and told me that if the city persisted in taking possession of the lands by force the action of ejectment would be dismissed. I have had the greatest trouble in impressing this situation of affairs upon some of our city officials; in their zeal they have practically played into the hands of the Railroad Company. I submit that it is unfair, as well as unwise to retain extra counsel in this case at this time, when his only duty would be to draw his salary. In closing this letter of explanation I desire to say that the success of the city in this litigation has been materially aided by the efforts of the chief engineer, Mr. Ruggles and by Mr. Fowler of the Street Department. I herewith send you a copy of the special case as presented to the Supreme Court.

Yours respectfully,
W. D. EDWARDS,
Corporation Counsel.

The following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Authorizing the construction of a main sewer, etc., in Woodlawn section of the Greenville district.

2. Requesting an appropriation of $15,000 to repair public school buildings.

3. Requesting transfers of unexpended balances for repairs to public buildings.

4. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:

Pumping and Reservoirs, Belleville and High Service, January, 1892, $5,049.70.

Assessments and Extensions, labor on meters, January, 1892, $613 33.

Assessments and Extensions, repairing water gates, November, 1891, $300.

Assessments and Extensions, repairing water gates, December, 1891, $414.

Assessments and Extensions, repairing water gates, January, 1892, $496.

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

Resolution of the Board of Aldermen requesting the transfer of 1,200 from District Court Receipts Account for purchase of stationery for District Courts.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the following resolutions and recommended their adoption:

1. Ordering paid the regular monthly pay roll for February, 1892, when due.

2. Ordering paid $229.16 each to the Jersey City News, the Evening Journal, the Jersey City Herald and the New Jersey Staats Zeitung, for printing official minutes during February, 1892, when due.

3. Ordering paid $30 to C. S. Westervelt for extra services in itemizing reports of Commissioners of Adjustment during February, 1892, when due.

4. Ordering paid $25 to F. P. Van Saun for extra services as Stenographer, etc., during February, 1892, when due.

5. Ordering paid $70 to N. P. Wedin for services as Assistant Clerk to District Court during February, 1892, when due.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the report was received, and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and recommended that the same be concurred in:

1. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:

Pumping and Reservoirs, Belleville and High Service, December, 1891, $5,097.86.

Pumping and Reservoirs, Belleville and High Service, January, 1892, $5,049.70.

Assessments and Extensions, repairing water gates, November, 1891, $300.

Assessments and Extensions, repairing water gates, December, 1891, $414.

Assessments and Extensions, repairing water gates, January, 1892, $496.

Assessments and Extensions, labor on meters, December, 1891, $613 33.

Assessments and Extensions, labor on meters, January, 1892, $613 33.

Assessments and Extensions, General Superintendent, etc., December, 1891, $989.99.

Assessments and Extensions, General Superintendent, etc., January, 1892, $989 99.

Assessments and Extensions, Water Registrar, etc., January, 1892, $3,068.31; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be directed to pay the said pay rolls out of the first water rents he receives in excess of the monthly interest due upon the water debt.

2. Authorizing the construction of a main sewer in the Woodlawn section of Greenville District, etc.; the Board of Street and Water Commissioners being requested to furnish an estimate of the cost of said sewer before advertising for proposals.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the recommendations therein contained adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims and recommended the payment of the same:

$31.16, The American District Telegraph Company, messenger service, December, 1891.

$25.61, The American District Telegraph Company, messenger service Mayor's office, November, 1891.

$109.67, Mickael Courain, repairs to City Hall.

$20, The Jersey City News, printing manuals.

$25.33, the Jersey City Electric Light Company, lighting Mayor's office, January, 1892.

$3.26, the Jersey City Electric Light Company, lighting Treasurer's office, January, 1892.

$23.58, the Jersey City Electric Light Company, lighting Collector's office, January, 1892.

$69.18, H. F. Jones, Repairs to City Hall.

$382, F. Heppenheimer's Sons, lithographing.

$240.42, William D. Edwards, Corporation Counsel, incidental expenses.

$309.15, the Jordan Stationery Company, stationery.

$57.25, the Jordan Stationery Company, stationery for City Comptroller.

$148 20, the Jordan Stationery Company, assessment books.

$4.50, Robert Lightfoot, typewriting.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

President Edelstein at this point addressed the Board as follows, his remarks being ordered spread upon the minutes:—

"GENTLEMEN—I was recently informed that our Board would be asked to make a large additional appropriation for the Public Schools of the city. The first estimates of the amount of money needed to put the buildings in good order was simply astounding, and I determined to make a tour of inspection in order to see the actual condidition of the buildings for myself. I did so, gentlemen, and am now prepared to admit that the half had not been told me. Our school buildings are a disgrace, and it is shameful that they have to be used for the purpose for which they were constructed. Without an exception the older buildings are dilapidated, and in many instances serious risks are incurred by the children and the teachers who attend them daily. They are exposed to what none of us would willingly submit to, and it is outrageous that such a state of affairs should exist in any civilized community. Just think of little children being forced to wade through puddles of water as they enter school in wet weather; to sit for hours under leaky roofs and in some instances to be bespattered by rain water falling into vessels placed upon the floor beside their desks; to endure the discomforts caused by broken windows and alleged heating apparatus that is worse than useless. Think of our children being in constant fear of toppling sliding doors and rickety furniture. To all these add the evils of frightfully poor ventilation and you will have some idea of our city's school buildings. These few statements in regard to the interiors of the schools would be eclipsed by the shameful story of the yards into which the children troop during recess hours. Broken and dirty pavements are the rule while the vile condition of the outbuildings is almost indescribable. They are begrimed and besoaked with filth; mere apologies for what they should be in size and in many cases so poorly devised that modesty and retirement must become almost unknown quantities to those who are forced to use them. It is a wonder, gentlemen, that our taxpayers have not been up in arms long before this, because of the manner in which their children are treated. The whole shameful story would take hours to relate and even then details would have to be omitted.

In order to bring the matter properly before you, I would state that I was accompanied in the tour of inspection by representatives of other city boards, and that in each instance we were aided by the principal of the school. The principals have also forwarded brief reports and thus sufficient data becomes available to permit of a reasonable judgment as to what is needed.

School No. 1, York street, is dilapidated from cellar to garret, the roof leaks horribly, and the floors have sagged out of line. The cornices are rotten and leaders broken. Two class rooms on the ground floor are so dark and gloomy that they would make poor stable room. The heating apparatus is worn out and the whole establishment has a faded, played out air. The outbuildings are in a frightful state, and thorough repairs would mean a new construction.

No. 1, is I believe, unfit for human habitation, and should be replaced by a modern structure.

School No. 2, Erie street. This is the largest school building in the city, and one of the worst conditioned. Some of the children have to reach their classrooms through a dark cellar which is almost flooded with every heavy rain. This sends many little ones to their seats with wet feet, and is no doubt the cause of much sickness. The closets are poorly constructed and in vile condition, because of their age and constant overcrowding. The roof of the building leaks, and many of the ceilings are dangerous; the walls are cracked and the windows and doors admit all sorts of weather. The heating apparatus is worn out, and the furniture shows the effect of thirty-five years of use.

School No. 3 in Bright street is also in bad shape. The roof leaks, ceilings have fallen in two rooms and in the hall stairway. The windows are broken and sliding doors have decided to slide no more. The yard is simply deplorable and the cellar floor is sunken and dangerous. Much of the furniture should be replaced. The closets are very bad.

No. 3 Annex is located in an old engine house over the office of the Overseer of the Poor. This would make it undesirable as a school building were it in any way fitted for such use. The roof leaks and general repairs are needed.

At Primary School No. 19 a similar state of dilapidation exists. No less than eighty-five little children are hived up in a room that is lighted and ventilated by a single window.

School No. 4, Eighth street, needs effective heating apparatus badly. Classes

have frequently to be dismissed in cold weather as it is impossible to make the rooms comfortable. The window frames have not been painted in years and the rear stairs are nearly worn out.

At School No. 5, Bay street, complaints exist because of fallen ceilings and the shaky condition of others. The entire building needs repairs and the present closets should be torn out and replaced. The heating apparatus is played out.

At School No. 6, Central avenue, the roof leaks badly in three places at least, and the ceilings have fallen in four class rooms. The furnaces are out of repair and the water closets are rotting to pieces. The water pipes are bursted; the gate hinges are gone, and broken windows are numerous. General repairs are needed throughout the entire building.

School No. 7, needs new heating apparatus. The present boilers are worn out after fourteen years' service; gas escapes into the class rooms from a bursted flue. Five of the radiators are broken and all the steam valves are out of order. The windows, doors and blackboards all need attention and no less than fourteen leaks await plugging in the roof. The yard walls are out of plumb and some of the teachers are forced to use the children's closets. The water supply is insufficient. General repairs are badly needed.

School No. 8, Sherman avenue, is also in need of attention. The steam boilers are worn out. The roof leaks; the gutters and leaders are broken. An exit that would be of use in emergency is closed up because the stone steps are dangerous without rails. The doors and window frames are rickety, and many windows need repairing. The closets are in bad order.

School No. 10 should be abandoned at the earliest possible date. The cellar is undrained, and the smell from the stagnant water beneath the floor is frightful. The building is heated with old fashioned stoves in each room that sends out almost as much gas as heat. The entire premises are out of order and a new building would be real economy. The outbuildings should be abated as a nuisance, and the children who have to make use of them are to be pitied.

School No. 11, Bergen Square, and the annex in Tuers avenue are both afflicted with leaky roofs, fallen or tottering ceilings, warped doors and shrunken window sashes. The outbuildings are in bad shape and the plumbing needs overhauling.

At School No. 12, Crescent avenue, the same old story of leaky roofs, worn out floorings and falling ceilings was again heard. The sanitary condition of the closets is something awful. They should be rebuilt and greatly enlarged. The yards are in bad shape, the pavement being really dangerous. Painting and general repairs are urgently needed. The heating apparatus has outlived its usefulness and the furnaces are only good to burn coal without heating the rooms. The hot air pipes are rusted out and break under slight pressure.

At School No. 14, Union street, repairs are needed to the roof, ceilings and furniture. The closets are not connected with the sewers and their condition is indescribable.

At School No. 20 the steam boiler is worn out and the ceilings and walls are being ruined by the leaky roof. Minor repairs are needed throughout the building.

School No. 21 is greatly in need of minor repairs throughout the building, while immediate attention should be given to the heating apparatus and plumbing. An iron fence is required in front, to prevent people from peering into the class rooms, from the six windows overlooking the sidewalk. The closets are in bad condition.

At School No. 22 repairs are needed to the roof, ceilings, furniture and plumbing. Windows and radiators are broken and the outhouses in indescribable condition.

This is only an outline, gentlemen, of what could be dwelt upon indefinitely. For my part I am ready to do the utmost towards remedying this state of affairs and feel sure of your hearty support now that the matter has been brought before you.

By Mr. Allen:

Whereas, The Board of Street and Water Commissioners have made requisition upon this Board for an appropriation of $5,000 for the support of the Engineering Bureau, and

Whereas, No appropriation was made in the tax levy for the current fiscal year for the maintenance of said Engineering Bureau, and

Whereas, Said Engineering Bureau is necessary for the proper and efficient conduct of the Departments under the control of said Street and Water Commissioners.

Resolved, That the sum of $5,000 be and is hereby appropriated for the immediate use of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for the support of said Engineering Bureau, and for no other purpose.

Resolved, that in order to provide funds for said appropriation the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow the amount necessary upon temporary bonds at not exceeding 5 per cent interest per annum, and to be provided for in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for $50,000, on account of county taxes of 1891.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Jacob Ringle, James G. Hasking and Alva A. Bedell for $125, each for salaries as Sinking Fund Commissioners for the three months ending March 1, 1892, when due.

By Mr. Allen:

Besolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer to be deposited to the credit of March, 1892, interest:

On general account..............	$5,600
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds....	1,592
On water account................	19,145

By Mr. Allen:

Whereas, The Board of Street and Water Commissioners has made requisition on this Board for an appropriation, to be expended by it in repairing the various bublic schools of the city; and

Whereas, This Board has, through its President, made an examination of the public schools and finds that it would be more economical to cause said repairs to be made at once than to permit the schools to remain in their present condition.

Resolved, That the sum of $15,000 be and is hereby appropriated to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for immediate use in the making of needed repairs on the various public school houses of this city.

Resolved, That in order to provide funds for said appropriation the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow the amount necessary upon temporary bonds at not exceeding 5 per cent. interest per annum, and to be provided for in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Richard Reddy for $1, to return amount paid in excess through clerical error, as taxes of 1890, on Lot 12, Block 974, No. 310 Manhattan avenue.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Hillier and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Peterson.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Tuesday, March 1, 1892, at eight o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Sarah J. Bonnell for return of duplicate payment of taxes for 1890.

Petition of Thomas Cox for return of duplicate payment of water rents.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of J. W. Harrison of $87.25, for stationery for City Collector.

Claims of J. W. Harrison of $100, for postage stamps for City Collector.

Claims of J. W. Harrison of $76.35, for stationery for City Comptroller.

Claims of J. W. Harrison of $23 90, for stationery for City Treasurer.

Claims of Edward Kelly of $149, for carpenter work, City Hall.

Claims of Frank McDermott of $30, for ice to March 1, 1892.

Claims of Hugh F. McLaughlin of $78.75, for coal, City Hall.

Claims of Hugh F. McLaughlin of $27.50, for coal, City Hall.

Claims of Hugh F. McLaughlin of $27.50, for coal, District Court.

Claims of The New York and New Jersey Telephone Company of $57.70, rentals and tolls, Treasurer's office.

Claims of The New York and New Jersey Telephone Company of $5, tolls, etc., City Collector.

Claims of The New York and New Jersey Telephone Company of $9.95, tolls, etc., Mayor's office.

Claims of The New York and New Jersey Telephone Company of $32 95, tolls, etc., Board of Finance.

Claims of The United Gas Improvement Company of $27 90, for gas, City Hall, January, 1892

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bond of Michael A. Egan, as Constable, in $1,000, with Edward Kenny and John J. Heany as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finances.

The following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Ordering paid the following payrolls:

Assessments and Extensions, Water Registrar, etc., February, 1892, $3,068 31.

Assessments and Extensions, General Superintendent, etc., February, 1892, $989 99.

Assessments and Extensions, labor on meters, February, 1892, $613 33.

Assessments and Extensions, Reassessors, December, 1891, $562.50.

2. Rescinding resolution of February 15, 1892, authorizing the construction of a main sewer, etc., in the Greenville District.

3. Ordering paid certain claims for street cleaning, etc.

4. Authorizing the construction of a main sewer in the Woodlawn section of the Greenville District, and to acquire lands necessary for the same.

5. Two (2) resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

6. Requisition (No. 1) authorizing the purchase of certain supplies.

7. Requisition (No. 2) authorizing the purchase of fire hydrants, etc.

Communication from the Board of Police Commissioners in regard to lack of sewers at City Hospital.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the City Collector acknowledging the filing in his office of the assessment map for the improvement of Clifton place and Westcott avenue, $15,038.

Communication from the City Collector acknowledging the filing in his office of Report No. 77 of the Commissioners of Adjustment amounting to $228,192.66.

Received and ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions and recommended the adoption of the same:

1. Rescinding the resolution adopted February 16, 1892, concurring in the resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners February 15, 1892, authorizing the construction of a main sewer, etc., in the Greenville district.

2. Concurring in the resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners February 29. 1892, authorizing the construction of a main sewer in the Woodlawn section of the Greenville district and to acquire lands necessary for the same; the Board of Street and Water Commissioners being requested to furnish the Board of Finance with an estimate of the cost of said sewer and lands necessary for the same.

3. Ordering paid the following claims: $468.58 and $468.58 to Henry Byrne for cleaning streets, etc.; the same to be charged to appropriation for said purpose for 1891-1892.

4. Ordering paid the following claims incurred in October and November, 1888, for repairs to streets in excess of appropriations—the same to be charged against contingent account, Board of Finance:

$59, Hugh Meehan.

5. Ordering paid the following pay rolls; the City Treasurer being requested to pay the same out of the first water rents he receives in excess of the amount required for interest upon the water debt:—

Assessments and extensions, December, 1891, $562 50.

Assessments and extensions, labor on meters, February, 1892, $613 33.

Assessments and extensions, General Superintendent, etc., 1892, $989.99.

Assessments and extensions, water Registrar, etc., 1892, $3,068 31.

6. Ordering paid certain claims; the City Treasurer being requested to pay the same out of the first water rents he receives in excess of the amounts required for interest and pay rolls.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received, and the recommendations therein contained adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes — President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims, and recommended the payment of the same:

$100, J. W. Harrison, postage stamps for City Collector.

$87 25, J. W. Harrison, stationery for City Collector.

$76.35, J. W. Harrison, stationery for City Comptroller.

$23 90, J. W. Harrison, stationery for City Treasurer.

$149, Edward Kelly, carpenter work, City Hall.

$30, Frank McDermott, ice, City Hall, February, 1892.

$78 75, Hugh F. McLaughlin, coal, City Hall.

$27.50, Hugh F. McLaughlin, coal, City Hall.

$27.50, Hugh F. McLaughlin, coal, District Court.

$57.70, the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, tolls, etc., Treasurer's office, to January 1, 1892.

$5, the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, tolls, etc., City Collector's office, to January 1, 1892.

$9.95, the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, tolls, etc., Mayor's office, to January 1, 1892.

$32.95, the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, tolls, etc., Board of Finance office, to January 1, 1892

$27.90 the United Gas Improvement Company, gas, City Hall, January, 1892.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes — President Edelstein. Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Allen:

Whereas, The Board of Fire Commissioners have, by resolution adopted by said Board, October 14, 1891, made requisition upon this Board for an additional appropriation of $3,000 to be expended by it in the purchase of fire hose and certifying that the appropriation of $3,000 made in the tax levy of the current year for said purpose has proven totally inadequate, and

Whereas, said hose is urgently needed in order to place the city's Fire Department in a proper condition to afford efficient protection against fire.

Resolved, That the sum of $3,000 be and is hereby appropriated for the immediate use of the Bord of Fire Commissioners for the purchase of fire hose and for no other purpose; said hose to be of the "White Diamond" brand, first quality only, and to be guaranteed by the manufacturers for three years.

Resolved, That in order to provide funds for said appropriation the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow the amount necessary upon temporary bonds to bear not exceeding 5 per cent. interest per annum, and to be provided for in the the next tax levy.

By Mr. Allen:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Thomas Cox, for $48.83, to return duplicate payment of water rents for 1885, as adjusted, including $3.14 interest on Lot 56, Block 170, No. 63 Newark avenue.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, to transfer from adjusted lien account collections made February 1 to March 1, 1892, as follows:—

To Water Account, $373.27. adjusted water rents.

To Assessment Account, $3.398.45, adjusted assessments.

To General Account, $832.28, adjusted taxes, 1891.

To General Account, $8, tax sale davertising fees.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1890, $1,881.72, adjusted taxes, 1890.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1889, $1,604.36, adjusted taxes, 1889.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1888, $877.05, adjusted taxes, 1888.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, $5,482.26, adjusted taxes, 1875 to 1887.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, $218.18, interest on adjusted taxes, etc.

To Fund, 1873, $139.67, adjusted taxes, 1872 and previous years.

To Fund, 1873, $170.68, adjusted taxes, 1873 and 1874.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Tuesday, March 15, 1892, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of the Pleasant Home Co. for return of $22.72 paid in error as taxes of 1891.

Petition of Daniel P. Byrnes for return of duplicate payment of taxes.

Petition of Sarah J. Bonnell for return of duplicate payment of taxes.

Petition of J. Corcoran for return of duplicate payment of taxes.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $66.87 for messenger service, etc., February, 1892.

Claim of P. H. Hanley of $13 for repairing furniture.

Claim of J. W. Harrison of $100 for postage stamps.

Claim of J. W. Harrison of $75.20 for stationery for City Comptroller.

Claim of J. W. Harrison of $111.95 for stationery for Board of Finance.

Claim of J. W. Harrison of $16.65 for stationery for City Treasurer.

Claim of J. W. Harrison of $1.35 for rubber stamps.

Claim of J. W. Harrison of $188.65 for stationery for City Collector.

Claim of the Jersey City Electric Light Company of $23 80 for lighting Mayor's office, February, 1892.

Claim of the Jersey City Electric Light Company of $24.60 for lighting City Collector's office, February, 1892.

Claim of the Jersey City Electric Light Company of 90 cents for lighting City Treasurer's office, February, 1892.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $14 for printing manuals.

Claim of the United Gas Improvement Company of $26 85 for gas.

CITY HALL, February, 1892.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bonds of James C. Clarke, as Tax Commissioner, in $10,000, with Hugh Dugan and Andrew McKnight as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Requesting an additional appropriation of $1,800 to repair fire engine houses.

2. Rescinding resolution adopted February 8, 1892, requesting an appropriation of $15,000 to repair public school buildings.

3. Requesting an appropriation of $48,000, to repair public school buildings.

4. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:—

Assessments and extensions, reassessors, November, 1891, $450.

Pumping and reservoirs, repairs at High Service, December, 1891, $250.

Pumping and reservoirs, repairs at High Service, January, 1892, $220.

Assessments and Extensions—Laying water pipe, November, 1891, $1,656 25.

Assessments and Extensions—Laying water pipe, December, 1891, $892.

Assessments and Extensions—Paving over pipe, November, 1891, $408.50.

Assessments and Extensions—Shutting off water, December, 1891, $397.

Assessments and Extensions—Shutting off water, January, 1892, $1,848.

Assessments and Extensions—Repairing water pipe, November, 1891, $2,781.50.

Assessments and Extensions—Repairing water pipe, December, 1891, $3,796.75.

Assessments and Extensions—Repairing water pipe, January, 1892, $2,206 75.

Assessments and Extensions—Repairing water gates, February, 1892, $450.

5. Two (2) resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported the official bonds of James C. Clarke, as Tax Commissioner, in $10,000, with Hugh Dugan and Andrew McKnight as sureties, and recommended that they be approved, ordered spread upon the bond book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the recommendations therein contained adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the following resolutions, and recommended the adoption of the same:

1. Ordering paid the regular monthly pay roll March, 1892, when due.

Ordering paid $229.16 each to the Jersey City News, the Evening Journal, the Jersey City Herald and the New Jersey Staats Zeitung for printing official minutes during March, 1892, when due.

3. Ordering paid $30 to C. S. Westervelt for extra services in itemizing reports of Commissioners of Adjustment during March, 1892, when due

4. Ordering paid $25 to F. P. Van Saun for extra services as stenographer, etc., in recording adjusted tax sales during March, 1892, when due.

5. Ordering paid $70 to N. P. Wedin for services as Assistant Clerk to District Court during March, 1892, when due; the same to be charged to District Court receipts account.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was received and the recommendations therein contained adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims and recommended the payment of the same:

$100, J. W. Harrison, for postage stamps for Comptroller's office.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the claim ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By President Edelstein:

Whereas, This Board has learned with profound regret of the deep affliction that has befallen the Hon. Dennis McLaughlin in the death of his beloved wife,

Resolved, That we, the members of this Board respectfully tender to him our sincere sympathy.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Sarah J. Bonnell for $110.88 to return duplicate payments of taxes of 1890, as follows:

Lot, part 38"Z", block 355, No. 70 Astor place	$54 44
Lots, parts 41 and 42"S", block 355, No. 84 Astor place	55 44
Total	$110 88

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of J. Corcoran for $13 20 to return duplicate payment of personal taxes for 1891 on No. 219 Eighth street, block 249.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City City Treasurer in favor of Daniel P. Byrnes for $11.36 to return duplicate payment of taxes of 1891 on lot 32, block 625, Virginia avenue.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of $13,000 to transfer that amount from special general account to bond account; the same being for the payment of outstanding bonds now past due.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer in payment of April, 1892, interest, as follows:

On general account, $33,750.

On General account to pay interest on assessment bonds, $52,790.

On water account, $42 650,

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That out of the moneys received from fees of the District Courts, the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to place to the credit of an account to be known as "Supplies for the District Courts," the sum of $100 each month commencing December 1, 1892, for the purpose of paying all claims credited by the Board of Aldermen for stationery and supplies for the District Courts; no appropriation now existing for the purpose aforesaid:

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board, February 16, 1892, appropriating $15,000 to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for repairs to the public school buildings of the city be and is hereby rescinded.

By Mr. Allen:

Whereas, The Board of Street and Water Commissioners have by resolution adopted by said Board March 7, 1892, made requisition upon this Board for an appropriation of $48,000 for repairs to the public school buildings of the city, and for renewing the heating apparatus of said buildings where necessary, and

Whereas, This Board has, through its President, made an investigation of the condition of said buildings and found them to be in urgent need of said repairs in order to prevent the further destruction of city property and to protect the health of the teachers and pupils, and

Whereas, This Board is satisfied that said buildings cannot be properly repaired at less cost and that it will be more economical for the city to cause said repairs to be made at once than to permit said buildings to remain in their present condition.

Resolved, That the sum of $48,000, be and is hereby appropriated for the immediate use of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners in making repairs to the public schools of this city and in renewing heating apparatus as required in said buildings and for no other purpose.

Resolved, That in order to provide funds for said appropriation the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow the amount necessary upon temporary bonds to bear not exceeding 5 per cent. interest per annum, and to be provided for in the next tax levy.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Tuesday, April 12, 1892, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—Mr. Hillie .

Absent—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen, Kenny and Peterson.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting stood adjourned.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Tuesday, April 19, 1892, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

The call for the meeting which was for the transaction of general business was read by the Clerk.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Kent K. Stearns, Attorney for Otto Kuhn, for return of $40.22 surplus paid in redemption of lands sold for unpaid adjusted taxes, etc.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of James Atchison of $75 for regulator for Treasurer's office.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $65.19, for messenger service, Mayor's office, February, 1892.

Claim of The American District Telegraph Company of $89.24, for messenger service, Mayor's office, to April 1, 1892.

Claim of The American District Telegraph Company of $26.61, for messenger service, Mayor's office.

Claim of The American District Telegraph Company of $66 61 for messenger service Board of Finance to April 1, 1892.

Claim of W. F. Furman for $25, for copies of legislative bills.

Claim of P. H. Hanley of $5 for repairing furniture.

Claim of P. H. Hanley of $55 for desk for Treasurer's office.

Claim of the Jersey City Electric Light Company of $29.28 for lighting Mayor's office, March, 1892.

Claim of the Jersey City Electric Light Company of $26.10 for lighting Collector's office, March, 1892.

Claim of the Jersey City Electric Light Company of $4.92 for lighting Treasurer's office, March, 1892.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $8 for printing manuals.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $7.50 for printing forms.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Company of $275 for indexes for City Collector.

Claim of Frank McDermott of $30 for ice City Hall, March, 1892.

Claim of Charles H. Scott of $24.85 for carpenter work Collector's office.

Claim of Charles H. Scott of $43 for carpenter work City Hall.

Claim of Wyckoff, Seamens & Benedict of $68.95 for typewriting supplies.

Claim of C. W. Wenner & Company of $25 for stationery.

Claim of the Western Union Telegraph Company of $3 for time service.

Claim of Gilbert Collins of $407 for legal services.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $2 75 for printing tax sale notices.

Claim of the Jersey City News of $150 for printing tax sale pamphlet.

Claim of the Jersey City Printing Company of $183,10 for printing law case.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was received from the Corporation Counsel and ordered spread upon the minutes:

JERSEY CITY, April 18, 1892.

Hon. Board of Finance:

SIRS—I have examined the voluminous petition presented to you some months ago by Hon. George R. Gray, State Treasurer of New Jersey, on behalf of Sinking Fund of the State relative to lots 13 to 24, 29 to 32, and 45 to 50, inclusive, 53, 54, 59, 60, 62, 63 and 64, in block 890, on Irving and Poplar streets, in the Fourth district, which have been sold by the city under the "Martin Act."

I have gone over the matter carefully in the records and with Mr. Leon Abbett, Jr., who is counsel for the State Treasurer herein, I find the facts as stated in the petition.

The property was mortgaged to the State by Samuel C. Nelson and wife in November, 1873, for $10,000; since 1879 the taxes have not been paid; in 1881 the State foreclosed and took title to the property in a suit to which the city was a party, the property was bought in by the State.

I advise you that under the decision of the Court of Errors and Appeals in the Trustees of Public Schools versus City of Trenton (3 Stewart 667), this property, while owned by the State is exempt from taxation and asessment for local improvements; this decision has been followed by Vice Chancellor Green in the suit brought against Jersey City by the Attorney General on behalf of the School Fund, on the Sinclair property on Ocean avenue.

The City afterwards adjusted the liens upon this property on Poplar and Irving streets and the same were sold to various persons under the Martin Act; such sales of property of the State or of any of its funds have recently been held invalid by the Court of Errors and Appeals in the case of Pugh versus Commissioners of the Sinking Fund under a sale made by the Comptroller of the city of Newark just reported.

The amount bid by the purchasers at the sale should be returned by the city with interest at six per cent. the record of the sales and of the taxes since assessed should be cancelled. I enclose the proper form of resolution for this purpose.

As the city has recently improved Irving street by placing sidewalks therein, I suggest that a memorial be presented to the State authorities requesting that the City be re-embursed therefor. The amount thereof I think can be obtained as other cities have followed this course successfully.

No advantage can come to the city by compelling the State to bring a suit to clear its title; such a course would only involve the city in costs.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM D. EDWARDS,
Corporation Counsel.

Communication from the Board of Education requesting the transfer of $3,500 from account or appropriation for repairs, gas, etc., 1891-92.

Communication from the Sinking Fund Commission requesting the drawing of warrants in payment of the following claims:—

$56, Herbert Booth, King & Bro., advertising.

$50, F. P. Van Saun, typewriting

$75, C. S. Westervelt, services as Clerk

$20, C. S. Westervelt, incidental expenses.

Official bonds of John P. Feeney, as Police Commissioner, in $15,000, with Dennis McLaughlin and Hugh Dugan as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the City Collector acknowledging the filing in his office of the following assessment maps:

Improvement of Forrest street, Ocean to Jackson avenues, $4,085.42.

Improvement of Vroom street, Summit avenue to Gray street, $3.618.

Communication from the City Collector acknowledging his receipt of Report No. 78 of the Commissioners of Adjustment amounting to $106,064.13.

Received and ordered filed.

The following communication from the City Clerk was received and ordered spread upon the minutes:

JERSEY CITY, April 18, 1892.

Honorable Board of Finance.

GENTLEMEN:—I am directed by the Board of City Canvassers to notify you that the question of adoption or reception of the act entitled "An act to regulate the pay of officers and employes of paid Fire Departments in cities of the first class in this State," approved March 22, 1892, was submitted to the voters at the charter election held April 12, 1892, with the following result:

Total number of ballots cast in Jersey City in favor of increase of pay of Fire Departments, 8,023.

Total number of ballots cast in Jersey City against increase of pay of Fire Departments, 2,158.

Very respectfuly,
JOHN E. SCOTT.
City Clerk and Clerk of the Board of City Canvassers.

The following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on concurrent resolutions:

1. Ordering paid the following payrolls:

Assessments and extensions, labor on meters, March, 1892, $613.33.

Assessments and Extensions, General Superintendent, etc., March, 1892, $989.99.

Assessments and Extensions, repairing water gates, March, 1892, $686.

Assessments and Extensions, Water Registrar, etc., March, 1892, $2;993.31.

Pumping and Reservoirs, Belleville and High Service, February, 1892, $4,870-03.

2. Authorizing the improvement of Erie street from Thirteenth to Sixteenth streets.

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

The annual reports of the City Comptroller and of the Sinking Fund Commission were received and ordered filed and to be incorporated in the manual of the Board.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
JERSEY CITY, March 21, 1892

To the Honorable Board of Finance:—

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to transmit herewith to your Honorable Board the Annual Report of this office, with a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the City Treasury (except Water Account) for the fiscal year, ending November 30, 1891; also statement showing the Financial condition of the city on December 1, 1891.

From July 1, 1889, to date, the following Bonds have been paid in cash:

7	per cent	Improvement, due July 1, 1889		$400,000 00
3	"	Tax Arrearage, due July 1, 1889		250,000 00
7	"	Public School, due July 1, 1889		50,000 00
7	"	Water, due July 1, 1889		52,000 00
7	"	Soldiers' Bounty, due November 1, 1889		206,000 00
3	"	Tax Arrearage, due November 1, 1889		200,000 00
7	"	Soldiers' Bounty, due April 1, 1890		352,000 00
3	"	Tax Arrearage, due April 1, 1890		316,000 00
7	"	Soldiers' Bounty, due May 1, 1890		41,000 00
4½	"	Sundry Bonds, due December 1, 1890		76,834 77
4	"	School House, due December 1, 1890		13,000 00
4	"	School House, due March 8, 1891		4,800 00
7	"	Streets and Sewers, due May 1, 1891	$1,769,000 00	
		Renewed 5 per cent., due April 1, 1916	1,469,000 00	300,000 00
7	"	Public Buildings, due May 1, 1891		100,000 00
7	"	Improvement, due November 1, 1891		100,000 00
4½	"	Tax Arrearage, due demand		207,000 00
3	"	Tax Arrearage, due demand		664,306 04
4½	"	Sundry Bonds, due December 1, 1891		103,005 08
7	"	Street and Sewer, due February 1, 1892		152,000 00
				$3,587,945 89

The $100,000.00 of 7 per cent. Streets and Sewers Bonds, due May 1, 1892, and the $200,000.00 7 per cent. Street and Sewer Bonds, due July 1, 1892, will be paid from the Sinking Fund.

Respectfully,

GEORGE R. HOUGH,
Comptroller.

Financial Condition of the City on December 1, 1891.

LIABILITIES (EXCEPT WATER ACCOUNT).

General Account Debt (Exhibit U)........	$7,485,818 77	
Assessment Account Debt (Exhibit U)....	5,086,000 00	
Tempoary Loans, Account Taxes 1890, Exhibit V)........................	450,000 00	
Improvement Certificates, (Exhibit Z).....	124,500 00	
Amount of 1891 Taxes Collected to November 30, 1891......................	141,044 39	
Unexpended Appropriations:		
Fiscal Year 1890 and 1891..........	138,953 13	
Fiscal Year 1889 and 1890..........	11,644 78	
Fiscal Year 1888 and 1889..........	2,795 92	
Fiscal Year 1887 and 1888..........	1,744 81	
Special Appropriations..............	106,357 10	
Outstanding Warrants:		
Old Jersey City—General..........	8,439 37	
Jersey City—General..............	20,945 80	
Jersey City—Assessment...........	1,720 68	
Jersey City—Special Streets.........	1,196 39	
Jersey City—Special Bond Account No. 2,....................	93 43	
Surplus Moneys Received from Sales for Adjusted Taxes, Assessments, etc...	15,450 92	
Certificates of Value Outstanding..........	2,615 23	
Awards for Opening Dey Street...........	193 50	
Redemption of Lots, Old Account.........	834 29	
Redemption of Lots, Adjusted Taxes, etc..	259 90	
City of Hoboken, Ravine Road Sewer, Collections.........................	956 96	
Deposits, Street Improvements and Sewers..	1,190 95	
		$13,602,758 32

Financial Condition of the City on December 1, 1891.

RESOURCES (EXCEPT WATER ACCOUNT).

Cash in City Treasury:			
Cr. of General Account	$284,875 37		
" Assessment Account	82,413 31		
" Special General Account	23,756 51		
" Surplus Account	15,450 92		
" Special School Account	53,230 92		
" Special Streets Account	20,389 20		
" Special Bond Account No. 2	95 43		
" Sidewalk Account	8,364 95		
" Adjusted Liens	13,466 52		
		$502,043 13	
Cash and Securities held by Sinking Fund Commission (Except Water Funds)		1,307,710 80	
Amount Taxes Due and Unpaid (Exhibit V).		3,399,290 41	
Amount of Assessments Due and Unpaid, (Exhibit X)		2,187,108 66	
Amount City Property		1,426,500 00	
Amount Due City for Advertising Tax Sales.		102,577 49	
Certificates of Sale—Property Purchased by City at Sales for Adjusted Taxes, etc.		192,808 11	
Interest on Loans (Included Next Tax Levy)		15,114 80	
			$9,133,153 40

EXHIBIT A.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1st, 1890			$581,659 57
From Taxes, 1891	$141,044 39		
Less Rebate	1,603 55		
		$139,440 84	
From Taxes, 1890	$968,786 27		
Less Rebate	1,092 06		
	$967,694 21		
Interest on Taxes, 1890	9,514 33		
		977,208 54	
From Taxes, 1889	52,877 66		
Interest on Taxes 1889	5,813 75		
		58,691 41	
From Taxes, 1888	$18,304 69		
Interest on Taxes, 1888	3,724 90		
		22,029 59	
From Adjusted Taxes, 1890		14,949 99	
From Adjusted Taxes, 1889		22,549 66	
From Adjusted Taxes, 1888		24,991 63	
			$1,259,861 66
From Morgan Street Dock		$3,458 69	
From Sewer Permits		1,502 00	
From District Court Fees		3,034 14	
From Advertising Adjusted Tax Sales		3,947 00	
From Redemption of Lots (old)		10 82	
From City Board of Health, Permits		2,478 85	
From Assessment and Special Street Account for use of Engineering Bureau		16,137 20	
FROM BOARD OF STREET AND WATER COMMISSION :			
Advertising Ordinances		$490 00	
Repaving over Street Openings		410 00	
Permits for Signs, etc		117 00	

FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN :		
Vault Fees	$5 00	
Printing Ordinances and sale of Venders' Plates	568 35	
Fines from Justice Davis	6 00	
Sale of Ballots to Candidates	107 00	
FROM BOARD OF POLICE :		
Board of Patients and Sale of Drugs at Hospital	569 12	
Sale of Horse	25 00	
FROM BOARD OF FIRE :		
Penn. R. R. Co., for destruction of Engine No. 3 and Horse, January 24, 1891	4,000 00	
Sale of Horses and Old Material	872 48	
Permits Granted	189 00	
Rents Collected	70 00	
Sale of Manure	3 50	
FROM WATER ACCOUNT :		
Cost of Engraving, Printing and Advertising Water Bonds	820 00	
From Herbert Booth King & Bro. return of over payment for Advertising City Hall Bonds	16 00	
From City Hall Commissioners, proceeds of Sale of Unused City Property	2,842 00	
		$41,679 15
From sale of 5 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (Account Taxes 1888) due May 15, 1894	$350,000 00	
From sale of 5 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (Account Taxes 1889) due May 15, 1895	275,000 00	
From sale of 4½ per cent. Bonds due December 1, 1891:		
Repairs to School Buildings	7,500 00	
Cleaning Streets	18,000 00	
Aldermen Salaries	11,663 04	
City Clerk Salary	1,250 00	
License Expense	1,000 00	

Furnishing 4th Precinct Station House	$3,000 00		
Free Library	10,000 00		
From sale 5 per cent. Bonds due December, 1891:			
Furnishing 7th Precinct Station House	500 00		
Sewer, School House No. 10	400 00		
From sale of 4½ per cent Police Station Bonds:			
Due January 1, 1905	5,000 00		
Due January 1, 1906	5,000 00		
Due January 1, 1907	5,100 00		
From sale of 5 per cent. Police Station Bonds:			
Due January 1, 1899	10,900 00		
Due January 1, 1900	9,000 00		
From sale of 4½ per cent. Printing	2,056 46		
and Advertising Bonds due December 1, 1892	2,056 46		
From sale of 5 per cent. Sundry Bonds (8) due December 1, 1892,	13,565 04		
From Sale of 5 per cent. New City Hall Bonds, $5,000 due each year, February 10, 1893, to February 10, 1912, inclusive	100,000 00		
From interest on City Hall Bonds	89 05		
		$829,023 59	
From Banks and other Loans in anticipation of Sale of Water Bonds,	$60,000 00		
From Banks and other loans (Account Taxes 1890)	450,000 00		
From Water Account, Return of Balance on Loan	414,000 00		
		924,000 00	
From Water Account, interest on Loans		9,876 32	
From State of New Jersey School Tax, 1890	$246,915 26		
From State of New Jersey School Money, 1890	15,451 94		
		262,367 20	
From State of New Jersey Railroad Moneys		209,848 66	
			$3,536,656 58
TOTAL			$4,118,316 15

EXHIBIT B.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

BOARD OF STREET AND WATER COMMISSIONERS, 1887-1888:

Reconstruction Streets and Sewers...		$16 00

BOARD OF STREET AND WATER COMMISSIONERS, 1889-1890:

Cleaning Streets and Removing Garbage	$2,944 29	
Cleaning Sewers and Receiving Basins	913 00	
Public Grounds and Buildings	50 00	
Salaries	750 22	
Printing and Stationery	141 40	
Engineering Bureau	1,539 96	
Repairs to Unpaved Streets	42 99	
Repairs to Public School Buildings	20 00	
Salary of Superintendent of Streets	166 66	
		6,568 52

BOARD OF STREET AND WATER COMMISSIONERS, 1890-1891

Cleaning Streets and Removing Garbage	$33,326 60	
Cleaning Sewers and Receiving Basins	11,876 48	
Public Grounds and Buildings	1,297 43	
Salaries	9,583 05	
Printing and Stationery	789 50	
Engineering Bureau	16,417 82	
Repairs to Unpaved Streets	2,750 72	
Insurance	399 00	
Reconstruction of Sewers	1,996 44	
Salary of Superintendent of Streets	2,933 26	
Morgan Street Dock	2,495 01	
Salary of Lamp Inspector	600 00	
Rent of Armories	708 33	
Rent of District Courts	150 00	
Electric Lights	5,966 20	
Lamps and Lights	43,071 43	
		134,361 27

BOARD OF ALDERMEN, 1889-1890:

Out Door Poor		$247 80	
Printing Stationery and Supplies		639 64	
Rent of Armories and Supplies		542 53	
Salaries		633 33	
Public Grounds and Buildings		50 51	
Elections	$20,049 50		
Less Cancelled	40 00		
		20,009 50	
District Courts		1,344 00	
Inspector of Weights and Measures		83 33	
			$23,550 64

BOARD OF ALDERMEN, 1890-1891:

Out Door Poor	$5,986 10	
Printing, Stationery and Supplies	2,974 61	
Rent of Armories and Supplies	2.944 37	
Salaries	8,961 00	
Public Grounds and Buildings	703 10	
Decoration Day	200 00	
Elections	11,112 08	
District Courts	10,076 40	
Salaries of Members	11,663 04	
		54,620 70

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS, 1889-1890:

Salaries (Including Park Police)	$20,821 82	
Salary of Police Surgeon	125 00	
Salary of Warden of City Hospital	83 33	
Salary of Clerk of First District Police Cours	83 38	
Station Houses and Prisons	721 47	
Lamps and Lights	7,553 87	
Electric Lights	920 70	
Hospitals and Dispensaries	1,566 77	
Pensions	440 27	
Police Justices	416 74	
Rentals	310 00	
		33,043 35

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS, 1890-1891:

Salaries (Including Park Police)	$260,139 71	
Less Cancelled	110 19	
		$260,029 52
Salary of Police Surgeon		1,375 00
Salary of Warden of City Hospital		1,100 00

Salaries of Clerks of Police Courts		$3,025 00	
Station Houses and Prisons		9,988 13	
Lamps and Lights		41,639 98	
Electric Lights		3,699 97	
Hospitals and Dispensaries		14,629 71	
Printing and Stationery		739 60	
Pensions	$5,851 39		
Less Cancelled	34 93		
		5,816 46	
Police Justices		6,076 29	
Rentals		1,894 32	
Furnishing New Building		2,499 58	
City Board of Health		2,688 49	
			$355,202 05

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, 1889-1890:

Salaries	$6,025 45	
Claims	4,580 84	
		10,606 29

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, 1890-1891:

Salaries	$79,941 14	
Claims	22,170 11	
Hose	1,980 00	
New Steamer	4,000 00	
		108,091 25

BOARD OF EDUCATION 1889-1890:

Teachers' Salaries and Fuel	$20,449 01	
Salaries, Superintendent and Clerks	416 66	
Salaries, Janitors	1,405 13	
Books, Stationery and Music	514 57	
Repairs, Gas, Heating, Ventilating	221 90	
Printing and Blanks	191 21	
		23,198 48

BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1890-1891:

Teachers' Salaries and Fuel		$241,191 69	
Salaries, Superintendent and Clerks		4,783 26	
Salaries, Janitors		16,056 14	
Books, Stationery and Music	$9,220 06		
Less Cancelled	127 73		
		9,092 33	
Rentals		660 00	
Repairs, Gas, Heating, Ventilating		2,030 41	
Printing and Blanks		777 93	
Janitors' Supplies		1,098 64	
Census		3,000 00	
Annual Report		500 00	
			279,190 40

BOARD OF TAX COMMISSIONERS, 1889-1890:

Salaries of Commissioners and Clerk	$749 99	
Incidentals	521 80	
Extra Clerk Hire	400 00	
		$1,671 79

BOARD OF TAX COMMISSIONERS, 1890-1891:

Salaries of Commissioners and Clerk	$8,249 89	
For Field and Assessment Books	57 00	
Printing, Stationery and Supplies	83 85	
Incidentals	566 45	
Extra Clerk Hire	4,400 00	
Horse and Wagon	354 50	
		13,711 69

TRUSTEES OF THE FREE LIBRARY:

Appropriation for Expenses, 1889-1890	$10,000 00	
Appropriation for Expenses, 1890-1891	10,000 00	
Appropriation for Expenses, 1891-1892	10,000 00	
		30,000 00

BOARD OF FINANCE, 1889-1890:

Salaries	$9,058 08		
Less Cancelled	524 91		
		$8,533 17	
Expenses of Sinking Fund Commission		87 50	
			8,620 67

BOARD OF FINANCE, 1890-1891:

Salaries	$62,836 72	
Printing Official Minutes	9,156 52	
Printing, Stationery and Supplies	9,958 52	
Expenses of the Sinking Fund Commission	258 25	
Claims, Legal Expenses and Judgments	1,213 40	
Contingent Fund	6,281 81	
		89,705 22

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS:

City Hall Commissioners	$10,579 79	
Fourth Precinct Station House	18,591 63	
New Pump, High Service	3,500 00	
Police Headquarters	7,620 00	
Repairs to Public School No. 6	1,319 54	
Repairs to School Buildings	5,439 69	

Repairs to Engine House No. 5	$326 78		
Payment of Sundry Claims	3,315 56		
Second Precinct Station House	25,578 15		
Fifth Precinct Station House	2,640 80		
Payment of Certain Claims of 1882 and 1888	1,991 54		
Sewer, School House No. 10	400 00		
Furnishing Seventh Precinct Station House	500 00		
Advertising Ordinances	300 35		
Repaving Over Street Openings	405 37		
Boundary Line — Jersey City and Bayonne	819 09		
Furnishing Fourth Precinct Station House	3,000 00		
		$86,328 29	
SUNDRY ACCOUNTS:			
Advertising Sales of Adjusted Taxes, etc	$3,408 90		
Return of Taxes and Interest paid in Error	710 75		
Expenses Account Adjusted Taxes, etc	96 00		
Repairs to Sidewalks	83 33		
		4,298 98	
INTEREST ON BONDED DEBT		677,485 00	
Water Account—Loan		115,000 00	
County Collector, County Taxes, 1890	$421,959 22		
County Collector, State School Taxes, 1890	234,128 29		
		656,087 51	
Total Amount Warrants Issued (Less Cancelled) December 1, 1890, to November 30, 1891		$2,711,358 10	
Amount of Warrants Issued Previous to December 1, 1890, Outstanding at that date	$7,288 10		
Since Cancelled	311 20		
		6,976 90	
		$2,718,335 00	
Amount of Warrants Outstanding November 30, 1891		20,945 80	
Amount Paid			$2,697,389 2

PAYMENTS BY OTHER THAN WARRANTS AS FOLLOWS:

4½ per cent. Temporary Loan Bonds, Account Taxes 1889		$500,000 00		
4½ per cent. Temporary Loan Bonds, Account Taxes 1888		400,000 00		
3 per cent. Temporary Loan Bonds, Account Taxes 1888		30,000 00	$930,000 00	
4½ per cent. Bonds, Due December 1, 1890:				
Street Lighting		$14,000 00		
Monmouth Street Sewer		400 00		
Judgment (11 Bonds)		3,477 88		
New Charter Expense (7 Bonds)		13,249 83		
Election Expense		4,400 00		
Repairs to Fire Engine		1,800 00		
Printing and Stationery (2 Bonds)	$204 14 857 92	1,062 06		
Building Culvert		275 00		
Police Salaries		24,500 00		
Cleaning Streets		13,050 00		
Salary, Inspector Weights and Measures		620 00	76,834 77	
4 per cent. School House Bond, Due December 1, 1890			13,000 00	
4½ per cent. City Hall Commission, Due Demand			6,000 00	
4 per. cent. School House Bond, Due March 8, 1891			4,800 00	
4½ per cent. Temporary Loans, Anticipation Sale of Water Bonds			60,000 00	
Interest on Temporary Loans, (Account Taxes 1889)		$15,085 64		
Interest on Temporary Loans, (Account Taxes 1888)		17,015 23		
Interest on Sundry Bonds		13,010 42		
Interest on City Hall Commission, Temporary Loan Bonds		305 52	45,416 81	1,136,051 58
Total Payments				$3,833,440 78
Balance in City Treasury November 30, 1891				284,875 37
				$4,118,316 15

EXHIBIT C.

ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1890			$36,414 97
From Assessment Collections	$144,268 78		
From Assessment Interest Collections	3,932 46		
From Adjusted Assessments	145,418 57		
		$293,619 81	
From Deposits for Street Improvements and Sewers		2,075 00	
			295,694 81
			$332,109 78

EXHIBIT D.

ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

For Printing and Advertising	$9,282 60		
For Commissioners of Assessment	1,080 00		
For Inspectors of Sewers and Improvements,	6,627 00		
For Labor (Final on Contracts)	4,914 13		
For Land Taken	3,175 00		
For Retained Percentage on Contracts	7,075 55		
For Returned Deposits, Sewer and Street Improvements	1,734 25		
For Engineering Bureau Expense	11,340 00		
Total Amount of Warrants issued December 1, 1890, to November 30, 1891		$45,228 53	
Amount of Warrants issued previous to December 1, 1890, outstanding at that date		3,046 12	
		$48,274 65	
Amount of Warrants outstanding November 30, 1891		1,720 68	
Amount paid		$46,553 97	
PAYMENTS FOR OTHER THAN WARRANTS, AS FOLLOWS:			
Improvement Certificates		192,500 00	
Interest on Improvement Certificates		10,642 50	
			$249,696 47
Balance in City Treasury November 30, 1891			82,413 31
			$332,109 78

EXHIBIT E.

SPECIAL GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Cash on Hand December 1, 1890			$5,294 25
From Sale of 5 per cent. Temporary Loan Bonds, Due in 10 days from date, to pay Assessment Bonds Due May 1, 1891.		$1,469,000 00	
From Sale of 5 per cent. Assessment Bonds, Due April 1, 1916	$1,469,000 00		
Premium and Interest on same	7,065 29		
		1,476,065 29	
From Fund 1873 to pay Consolidated City 7 per cent. Public Buildings Bonds, Due May 1, 1891	$100,000 00		
From Fund 1873, to pay Consolidated City 7 per cent. Street and Sewer Bonds, Due May 1, 1891	127,500 00		
From Fund 1873, to pay Consolidated City 7 per cent. Improvement Bonds, Due November 1, 1891	61,000 00		
		288,500 00	
From Fund 1889, No. 2, to pay Consolidated City 7 per cent. Street and Sewer Bonds, Due May 1, 1891	63,500 00		
From Fund 1889, No. 2, to pay Consolidated City 7 per cent. Improvement Bonds, Due November 1, 1891	39,000 00		
		102,500 00	
From Fund 1889, No. 3, to pay Consolidated City 7 per cent. Street and Sewer Bonds, Due May 1, 1891		109,000 00	
From Sale of 4 per cent. Tax Redemption Bonds, Due Option of the City, (Proceeds used for purchase by the City of Property Sold for Adjusted Taxes, Assessments, etc		150,217 05	
From Deposits and Payments Account, Sale of Property, for Adjusted Taxes, Assessments, etc		208,325 41	
From Redemption of Lots, of Property Sold for Adjusted Taxes, Assessments, etc		64,351 09	
From Certificates of Sale of Property Purchased by the City at Sales for Adjusted Taxes since Redeemed		17,690 25	
From Interest on above Certificates		1,184 02	

From Water Account to return amount of Water Bonds, Due May 1, 1891, paid by this account in error...............		$5,000 00	
From City Collector, being amount overpaid on Purchase of Property by the City at Tax Sale of April 23, 1891............		548 83	
From Tax Arrearage Fund to pay Interest Due January 1, 1891 on 4½ per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887)......................	7,312 50		
From Tax Arrearage Fund to pay Interest Due April 1, 1891, on 3 per cent. and 3½ per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds, (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887).........	22,189 26		
From Tax Arrearage Fund to pay Interest Due July 1, 1891, on 4½ per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887).........................	6,412 50		
From Tax Arrearage Fund to pay Interest Due October 1, 1891, on 3 per cent. and 3½ per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds, (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887).........	17,980 00		
		$53,894 26	
From Tax Arrearage Fund 1889, to pay Interest Due July 1, 1891, on 5 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (Account Taxes 1889).......................		1,691 74	
From Tax Arrearage Fund 1888 to pay Interest Due July 1, 1891, on 5 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (Account Taxes 1888)............................		2,059 55	
			$3,950,027 49
TOTAL..			$3,955,321 74

EXHIBIT F.

SPECIAL GENERAL ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891

Paid Consolidated City 7 per cent. Street and Sewer Bonds, due May 1, 1891	$1,756,500 00	
Paid Consolidated City 7 per cent. Public Buildings Bonds, due May 1, 1891	99,000 00	
Paid 5 per cent. Temporary Loan Bonds, borrowed to pay Assessment Bonds, due May 1, 1891	1,469,000 00	
		$3,324,500 00
Paid 4 per cent. Tax Redemption Bonds due option of the city	17,631 36	
Paid Interest on 4 per cent. Tax Redemption Bonds	388 91	
		18,020 27
Paid 7 per cent. Jersey City Water Bonds, due May 1, 1891, in error (returned by Water Account)		5,000 00
Paid Purchasers the amount received for redemption of lots sold for unpaid Adjusted taxes, etc		65,682 41
Paid for Property purchased by the city at sales of Adjusted taxes, etc. ($548.83 since returned)		150,217 05
Paid Interest due January 1, 1891, on 4½ per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (account Taxes 1875 to 1887)	$7,312 50	
Paid Interest due April 1, 1891, on 3 per cent. and 3½ per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (account Taxes 1875 to 1887)	22,189 26	
Paid Interest due July 1, 1891, on 4½ per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (account Taxes 1875 to 1887)	6.412 50	
Paid Interest due July 1, 1891, on 5 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (account Taxes, 1889	1,691 74	
Paid Interest due July 1, 1891, on 5 per cent. on Tax Arrearage Bonds (account Taxes 1888)	2,059 55	
Paid Interest due October 1, 1891, on 3 per cent. and 3½ per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (account Taxes 1875 to 1887)	17,980 00	
		57,645 55
Paid Consolidated City 7 per cent. Improvment Bonds due November 1, 1891		100,000 00

Distribution of Deposits and Payments Received for Sale of Property for Adjusted Taxes, etc.

To Tax Arrearage Fund—Adjusted Taxes 1875 to 1887, inclusive	$107,010 96		
Interest on Adjusted Taxes, etc	13,537 29		
		$120,598 25	
To Fund 1873—Adjusted Taxes 1872 and Previous years	$4,248 76		
Adjusted Taxes 1873 and 1874	7,172 89		
		11,421 65	
To Assessment Account—Adjusted Assessments		42,344 56	
To Water Account—Adjusted Water Rents		6,864 54	
To Surplus Account—Surplus		1,644 17	
To General Account—Adjusted Taxes 1890	$880 71		
Advertising Tax Sales	2,590 50		
		3,471 21	
To Tax Arrearage 1889—Adjusted Taxes 1889		9,826 88	
To Tax Arrearage 1888—Adjusted Taxes 1888		10,593 67	
To James O'Connor—Return of Purchase Money		1,560 48	
To Chas. B. Jordan—Return of Purchase Money		2,174 54	
			$3,931,565 23
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1891			23,756 51
			$3,955,321 74

EXHIBIT G.

SPECIAL STREET ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance on Hand December 1st, 1890......	$10,250 29	
From 50 per cent. of Liquor License Fees Collected.......	119,824 53	
		$130,074 82

EXHIBIT H.

SPECIAL STREET ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Repairs to Sidewalks..................	$716 65		
Special Street Improvement.............	72,435 15		
Repairs to Grove Street, Newark Avenue to Seventeenth Street................	22,823 41		
Repairs to Grove Street, Grand Street to Railroad Avenue.................	11,573 93		
		$107,549 14	
Amount of Warrants Outstanding December 1st, 1890....................		3,420 12	
		$110,969 26	
Less Cancelled...............		87 25	
		$110,882 01	
Amount of Warrants Outstanding November 30, 1891.....................		1,196 39	
			$109,685 62
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1891			20,389 20
			$130,074 82

EXHIBIT I.

SPECIAL BOND ACCOUNT No. 2.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1890	$95 43

EXHIBIT J.

SPECIAL BOND ACCOUNT No. 2.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1891	$95 43

EXHIBIT K.

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, OCTOBER 1, 1891, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

From Sinking Fund 1873, Part of Liquor License Moneys, under Section 4, Chapter 134, Laws 1891	$10,000 00

EXHIBIT L.

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, OCTOBER 1, 1891, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Paid on Account of Repairs to Sidewalks	$1,635 05	
Balance in City Treasury November 30, 1891	8,364 95	
		$10,000 00

EXHIBIT M.

SPECIAL SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1890		$89,534 46
From Liquor License Account, being 25 per cent. of Liquor License Fees collected December 1, 1890, to July 1, 1891	$2,179 78	
From 25 per cent. of Liquor License Fees collected July 1, 1891, to November 30, 1891	57,732 52	
		59,912 30
		$149,446 76

EXHIBIT N.

SPECIAL SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Land and Building, School House No. 25	$3,000 00		
Land and Building, School House No. 23	44,635 10		
Land and Building, School House No. 24	33,929 50		
Repairs, etc., to School House No. 4	14,544 36		
Furniture, etc., School House No. 22	106 88		
		$96,215 84	
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1891		53,230 92	
			$149,446 76

EXHIBIT O.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1890	$799 85
From Liquor Licenses Granted and Transfer Fees	7,919 29
	$8,719 14

EXHIBIT P.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Special Street Account, 50 per cent. of License Fees &c,, Received November 15, 1890, to July 1, 1891	$4,359 57	
Special School Account, 25 per cent. of License Fees &c., Received November 15, 1890, to July 1, 1891	2,179 78	
Sinking Fund 1873, 25 per cent. of License Fees &c., Received November 15, 1890, to July 1, 1891	2,179 79	
		$8,719 14

EXHIBIT Q.

SURPLUS ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1890.		$24,275 38
From Amount Received at Sale for Adjusted Taxes, etc., in excess of City Liens:		
SALE OF APRIL 21, 1891—		
Sale No. 1,290, Block 409, Lot 15, Brunswick Street	$1,308 53	
Sale No. 1,498, Block 291, Lot A, Summit Avenue..	266 40	
Sale No. 1,711, Block 548, Lot 20, Union Street. . . .	37 44	
Sale No. 1,712, Block 548, Lot 21, Union Street. . . .	16 86	
SALE OF OCTOBER, 14, 1891—		
Sale No. 1,820, Block 881-882, Lot 83, Graham Street.	14 94	
		1,644 17
		$25,919 55

EXHIBIT R.

SURPLUS ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Paid Amount Surplus received at Sundry Sales, as follows:	
Sale No. 156, Block 559, Lots 3, 5, 7, Atlantic Street.	$820 41
Sale No. 404, Block 99, Lot G, Washington Street.	481 53
Sale No. 524, Block 617, Lot 21, Germania Avenue, etc.	15 06
Sale No. 518, Block 616, Lots 13, 14, 15, St. Pauls Avenue, etc.	82 02
Sale No. 249, Block 697, Lots 6, 7, Garfield Avenue, and Block 1486, Lots 19, 20 Commercial Street.	384 46
Sale No. 273, Block 557, Lot 58, Union Street.	129 78
Sale No. 274, Block 557, Lot 60, Union Street.	189 43
Sale No. 423, Block 137, Lot 4, Newark Avenue.	238 63
Sale No. 305, Block 603, Lots 45 to 55, Union Street.	272 52
Sale No. 620, Block 179, Lot 31 Eighth Street.	61 18

Sale No. 112, Block 304, Lot A, Bright Street....................	385 07		
Sale No. 224, Block 246, Lot part F, Fourth Street....................	627 84		
Sale No. 165, Block 209, Lots 1 to 5, Montgomery Street...............	61 55		
Sale No. 168, Block 210, Lots 18, 19, 20, Mercer Street................	84 80		
Sale No. 746, Block 261, Lots 14 to 16 Eighteenth Street................	179 16		
Sale No. 401, Block 70, Lot 6, Washington Street......................	2,026 44		
Sale No. 1015, Block 915, Lot north part 8, Nelson Avenue.............	33 72		
Sale No. 944, Block 773, Lot 27, Hancock Avenue.....................	215 10		
Sale No. 412, Block 130, Lot J, Warren Street........................	103 52		
*Sale No. 423, Block 137, Lot 4, Newark Avenue......................	238 63		
Sale No. 213, Block 215, Lot 26, Pavonia Avenue......................	298 31		
Sale No. 455, Block 233, Lot 222, Canal Street.........................	211 30		
Sale No. 398, Block 37, Lot E, Grand Street.........................	116 42		
Sale No. 682, Block 221, Lot 12, Thirteenth Street....................	522 04		
Sale No. 275, Block 557, Lots 62, 64, Union Street.................	93 50		
Sale No. 277, Block 557, Lots 70, 72, Union Street.....................	186 73		
Sale No. 547, Block 568, Lot 78, St. Pauls Avenue....................	62 41		
Sale No. 212, Block 215, Lot 27, Pavonia Avenue.....................	14 10		
Sale No. 465, Block 236, Lot P, Grove Street.........................	2,305 20		
Sale No. 1,498, Block 291, Lot A, Summit Avenue..................	266 40		
		$10,707 26	
*Less Cancelled Warrants (Duplicate).......................		238 63	
		$10,468 63	
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1891......		15,450 92	
			$25,919 55

EXHIBIT S.

ADJUSTED LIENS.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury November 30, 1890	$42,502 83	
Collections, other than Sales of Adjusted Taxes, Assessments and Water Rents,	532,002 51	
		$574,505 34

EXHIBIT T.

ADJUSTED LIENS.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

General Account—			
Adjusted Taxes, 1890	$14,069 28		
Adjusted Taxes, 1889	18,136 30		
Adjusted Taxes, 1888	20,260 81		
Advertising Adjusted Taxes	1,356 50		
		$53,822 89	
Assessment Account—			
Adjusted Assessments		103,074 01	
Water Account—			
Adjusted Water Rents		14,432 55	
Tax Arrearage Fund—			
Adjusted Taxes, 1875 to 1887	$292,239 12		
Interest Adjusted Taxes, 1875 to 1887	13,811 30		
		306,050 42	
Tax Arrearage Fund, 1889—			
Adjusted Taxes, 1889		13,741 76	
Tax Arrearage Fund, 1888—			
Adjusted Taxes, 1888		13,816 21	
Sinking Fund, 1873—			
Adjusted Taxes, 1873 and 1874	$10,841 31		
Adjusted Taxes, 1872 and previous years	8,703 82		
		19,545 13	
Commissioners of Adjustment		30,000 00	
Advertising and Expenses		2,588 05	
Return of Amounts paid in Error		3,967 80	
			$561,038 82
Balance in City Treasury Novemcer 30, 1891			13,466 52
			$574,505 34

EXHIBIT U.

BONDED DEBT (EXCEPT WATER ACCOUNT).

Issued	LOAN KNOWN AS	Rate of Interest	Interest Payable.	Coupon or Registered	Year Due	Issued By	General	Assessment
1890	Sundry Bonds....................		Jan. & July	Registered	Dec. 1, 1891	Consol'd City	$108,205 08	
1889	To pay for Property Purchased, Tax Sales.......................	4 per c't.	With Bond	Registered	Opt'n of City	"	193,742 19	
1889	*Tax Arrearage (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887)................	3 "	April & Oct.	Registered	Demand	"	507,000 00	
1889	*Tax Arrearage (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887................	4½ "	Jan. & July	Registered	Demand	"	252,000 00	
1872	Streets and Sewers................	7 "	Jan. & July	C. and Reg.	Jan. 1, 1892	"		$548,000 00
1872	Reconstruction Streets and Sewers..	7 "	Jan. & July	C. and Reg.	Jan. 1, 1892	"	200,000 00	
1872	Streets and Sewers................	7 "	May & Nov.	Registered	Feb. 1, 1892	"		152,000 00
1872	Streets and Sewers................	7 "	May & Nov.	Registered	May 1, 1892	"		100,000 00
1872	Reconstruction Streets and Sewers..	7 "	Jan. & July	C. and Reg.	July 1, 1892	"	169,000 00	
1872	Reconstruction Streets and Sewers..	7 "	May & Nov.	Registered	July 1, 1892	"	31,000 00	
1872	Reconstruction Streets and Sewers..	7 "	May & Nov.	Registered	Nov. 1, 1892	"	10,000 00	
1891	Printing and Advertising Bonds....	4½ "	Jan. & July	Registered	Dec. 1, 1892	"	2,056 46	
1891	Sundry Bonds...................	5 "	Jan. & July	Registered	Dec. 1, 1892	"	13,565 04	
1891	City Hall.......................	5 "	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb. 10, 1893	"	5,000 00	
1873	Streets and Sewers................	7 "	May & Nov.	C. and Reg.	May 1, 1893	"		187,000 00
1873	Streets and Sewers................	7 "	May & Nov.	C. and Reg.	May 1, 1893	"		100,000 00
1887	Rebuilding Engine House..........	5 "	March & Sept	Registered	Sept. 1, 1893	"	6,000 00	
1873	Streets and Sewers................	7 "	April & Oct.	C. and Reg.	Oct. 1, 1893	"		459,000 00
1873	Streets and Sewers................	7 "	May & Nov.	Registered	Nov. 1, 1893	"		11,500 00
1874	Streets and Sewers................	7 "	Jan. & July	C. and Reg.	Jan. 2, 1894	"		500,000 00
1891	City Hall.......................	5 "	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb. 10, 1894	"	5,000 00	
1873	Streets and Sewers................	7 "	May & Nov.	Registered	May, 1, 1894	"		1,500 00
1891	*Tax Arrearage (Account Taxes 1888)........................	5 "	Jan. & July	Registered	May 15, 1894	"	350,000 00	
1874	Streets and Sewers................	7 "	June & Dec.	C. and Reg.	June 1, 1894	"		500,000 00
1874	To Fund Assessment Bonds........	7 "	June & Dec.	C. and Reg.	June 1, 1894	"		100,000 00
1874	Improvement.....................	7 "	March & Sept	C. and Reg.	Sept. 1, 1894	"	160,000 00	

EXHIBIT U—BONDED DEBT (EXCEPT WATER ACCOUNT)—*Continued.*

Issued	LOAN KNOWN AS	Rate of Interest	Interest Payable	Coupon or Registered	Year Due.	Issued by	General	Asssessment
1874	Improvement	7 per c't.	March & Sept	C. and Reg.	Sept. 1, 1894	Consol'd City		$45,500 00
1889	Engine House	4 "	Jan. & July	Registered	Jan. 1, 1895	"	$6,000 00	
1890	New Pump	4 "	Jan. & July	Registered	Jan. 1, 1895	"	30,500 00	
1891	City Hall	5 "	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb.10. 1895	"	5,000 00	
1891	*Tax Arrearage (Account Taxes 1889)	5 "	Jan. & July	Registered	May,15, 1895	"	275,000 00	
1888	Fire Engine House	4 "	Feb. & Aug.	Registered	Aug,27, 1895	"	7,000 00	
1890	Police Headquarters	4 "	Jan. & July	Registered	Jan. 1, 1896	"	5,000 00	
1891	City Hall	5 "	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb.10, 1896	"	5,000 00	
1890	Police Headquarters	4 "	Jan. & July	Registered	Jan. 1, 1897	"	5,000 00	
1890	Engine House No. 1	4 "	Jan. & July	Registered	Jan. 1. 1897	"	7,000 00	
1891	City Hall	5 "	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb.10, 1897	"	5,000 00	
1872	Funded Debt	7 "	May & Nov.	C. and Reg.	May 1, 1897	"	500,000 00	
1889	*Tax Arrearage (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887)	3½ "	April & Oct.	Registered	Jan. 1, 1898	"	200,000 00	
1890	Police Headquarters	4 "	Jan. & July	Registered	Jan. 1, 1898	"	5,000 00	
1891	City Hall	5 "	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb.10, 1898	"	5,000 00	
1869	Public Schools	7 "	Jan. & July	Registered	July 1, 1898	Bergen	50,000 00	
1890	Police Headquarters	4 "	Jan. & July	Registered	Jan. 1, 1899	Consol'd City	5,000 00	
1891	Police Stations	5 "	Jan. & July	Registered	Jan. 1, 1899	"	10,900 00	
1891	City Hall	5 "	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb.10, 1899	"	5,000 00	
1889	*Tax Arrearage (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887	3½ "	April & Oct.	Registered	April 1, 1899	"	386,000 00	
1870	Public Schools	7 "	Jan. & July	Registered	Jan. 1, 1900	Bergen	100,000 00	
1891	Police Stations	5 "	Jan. & July	Registered	Jan. 1, 1900	Consol'd City	9,000 00	
1890	Police Headquarters	4 "	Jan. & July	Registered	Jan. 1, 1900	"	5,000 00	
1891	City Hall	5 "	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb.10, 1900	"	5,000 00	
1870	Public Schools	7 "	Jan. & July	Registered	April 2, 1900	Hudson City	50,000 00	
1870	Morgan Street Dock	7 "	Jan. & July	C. and Reg.	June 8, 1900	Consol'd City	125,000 00	
1890	Police Headquarters	4 "	Jan. & July	Registered	Jan. 1, 1901	"	5,000 00	

1891	City Hall	5	"	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb. 10, 1901	"	5,000 00	
1890	Police Headquarters	4	"	Jan. & July	Registered	Jan. 1, 1902	"	5,000 00	
1891	City Hall	5	"	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb. 10, 1902	"	5,000 00	
1891	City Hall	5	"	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb. 10, 1902	"	5,000 00	
1890	Fourth Precinct Station House	4½	"	April & Oct.	Registered	Oct. 1, 1903	"	5,000 00	
1891	City Hall	5	"	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb. 10, 1904	"	5,000 00	
1884	City of Jersey City	6	"	April & Oct.	C. and Reg.	April 1, 1904	"	1,000,000 00	
1890	Fourth Precinct Station House	4½	"	April & Oct.	Registered	Oct. 1, 1904	"	5,000 00	
1891	Police Stations	4½	"	Jan. & July	Registered	Jan. 1, 1905	"	5,000 00	
1891	City Hall	5	"	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb. 10, 1905	"	5,000 00	
1875	To Fund Assessment Bonds	7	"	June & Dec.	C. and Reg.	June 1, 1905	"		600,000 00
1891	Police Stations	4½	"	Jan. & July	Registered	Jan. 1, 1906	"	5,000 00	
1876	To Fund Assessment Bonds	7	"	Jan. & July	C. and Reg.	Jan. 1, 1906	"		300,000 00
1874	Improvement	7	"	Jan. & July	Registered	Jan. 3, 1906	"	60.000 00	
1891	City Hall	5	"	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb. 10, 1906	"	5,000 00	
1891	Police Stations	4½	"	Jan. & July	Registered	Jan. 1, 1907	"	5,100 00	
1891	City Hall	5	"	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb. 10, 1907	"	5,000 00	
1891	City Hall	5	"	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb. 10, 1908	"	5,000 00	
1879	To Fund Floating Debt	6	"	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb. 1, 1909	"	1,353,000 00	
1891	City Hall	5	"	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb. 10, 1909	"	5,000 00	
1891	City Hall	5	"	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb. 10, 1910	"	5,000 00	
1880	To Pay Maturing Bonds	6	"	June & Dec.	C. and Reg.	June 1, 1910	"	450,000 00	
1891	City Hall	5	"	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb. 10, 1911	"	5,000 00	
1881	To Pay Difference Between Old and New Assessments	5	"	April & Oct.	C. and Reg.	April 1, 1911	"	150,000 00	
1891	City Hall	5	"	Feb. & Aug.	C. and Reg.	Feb. 10, 1912	"	5,000 00	
1872	City Government	7	"	Jan. & July	C. and Reg.	July 1, 1913	"	550,000 00	
1891	Renew Maturing Assessment Bonds	5	"	April & Oct.	C. and Reg.	April 1, 1916	"		1,469,000 00
	Past Due, Not Presented for Payment						Hudson City	1,750 00	
	Past Due, Not Presented for Payment					April 1, 1890	Old J. City	1,000 00	
	Past Due, Not Presented for Payment					May 1, 1891	Consol'd City		12,500 00
	Past Due, Not Presented for Payment					May 1, 1891	"	1,000 00	
								$7,485,818 77	$5,086,000 00

*Interest Paid from Sinking Fund—not by General Tax.

EXHIBIT V.

TEMPORARY LOANS, DECEMBER 1, 1891.

Banks and Others (Account Taxes 1890)..	$450,000 00

EXHIBIT W.

AMOUNT OF TAXES DUE AND UNPAID DECEMBER 1, 1891.

Taxes, 1873	$50,278 74		
" 1877	24,780 65		
" 1878	9,687 52		
" 1879	31,251 57		
" 1880	107,073 42		
" 1881	108,345 84		
" 1882	96,166 78		
" 1883	186,979 58		
" 1884	152,469 93		
" 1885	206,907 43		
" 1886	296,306 95		
" 1887	254,348 01		
" 1888	390,207 63		
" 1889	406,220 51		
" 1890	371,301 83		
		$2,692,326 39	
Adjusted Taxes, 1872 and previous years	$21,355 28		
" " 1873 and 1874	24,393 62		
" " 1875 to 1887, inclusive	511,427 98		
" " 1888	72,069 61		
" " 1889	43,893 99		
" " 1890	33,823 54		
		706,964 02	
			$3,399,290 41

EXHIBIT X.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS DUE AND UNPAID DECEMBER 1, 1891.

Street Improvements and Sewers	$1,980,447 11	
Adjusted Assessments	100,857 65	
Improvements, course of construction	105,803 90	
		$2,187,108 66

EXHIBIT Y.

THE WATER DEBT, DECEMBER 1, 1891.

As furnished by Water Registrar, by request, was as follows:

20 Year 7 per cent. Bonds, due December 1, 1891	$248,000 00	
30 " 6 " " " January 1, 1893	200,000 00	
30 " 6 " " " January 1, 1895	179,000 00	
30 " 7 " " " January 1, 1899	100,000 00	
32 " 7 " " " January 1, 1902	375,000 00	
30 " 7 " " " April 1, 1902	800,000 00	
30 " 7 " " " September 1, 1902	500,000 00	
30 " 7 " " " January 1, 1904	250,000 00	
30 " 7 " " " January 1, 1906	60,000 00	
30 " 7 " " " November 1, 1906	61,000 00	
30 " 6 " " " July 1, 1907	255,000 00	
30 " 7 " " " March 26, 1908	47,000 00	
30 " 6 " " " February 1, 1909	50,000 00	
30 " 6 " " " July 1, 1909	50,000 00	
30 " 5 " " " February 1, 1913	525,000 00	
40 " 7 " " " May 1, 1913	500,000 00	
25 " 5 " " " April 1, 1916	586,000 00	
30 " 5 " " " June 1, 1921	350,000 00	
		$5,136,000 00
Less Amount Water Sinking Fund	$87,659 66	
Water Sinking Fund, 1916	14,000 00	
Water Sinking Fund, 1921	7,000 00	
		108,659 66
		$5,027,340 34

EXHIBIT Z.

IMPROVEMENT CERTIFICATES, DECEMBER 1, 1891.

Amount	4½	per cent.	Improvement	Certificates,	due	November	25, 1891, (not presented)..	$500 00
Amount	4½	per cent.	Improvement	Certificates,	due	December	2, 1891...	4,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	9, 1891...	2,000 00
"	6	"	"	"	"	"	9, 1891...	1,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	16, 1891...	3,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	22, 1891...	1,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	January	5, 1892...	1,000 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	13, 1892...	1,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	19, 1892...	500 00
"	6	"	"	"	"	"	19, 1892...	1,000 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	February	3, 1892...	500 00
"	6	"	"	"	"	"	3, 1892...	1,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	9, 1892...	500 00
"	6	"	"	"	"	"	9, 1892...	1,000 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	18, 1892...	3,000 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	27, 1892...	2,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	March	2, 1892...	1,500 00
"	6	"	"	"	"	"	2, 1892...	1,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	9, 1892...	1,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	16, 1892...	1,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	23, 1892...	1,500 00
"	6	"	"	"	"	"	23, 1892...	500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	31, 1892...	2,000 00
"	6	"	"	"	"	"	31, 1892...	500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	April	7, 1892...	1,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	14, 1892...	3,000 00
"	6	"	"	"	"	"	14, 1892...	500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	April	22, 1892...	3,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	25, 1892...	2,000 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	May	4, 1892...	5,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	12, 1892...	6,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	19, 1892...	3,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	26, 1892...	3,500 00
"	6	"	"	"	"	"	26, 1892...	500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	June	2, 1892...	2,000 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	9, 1892...	2,000 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	16, 1892...	5,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	23, 1892...	1,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	30, 1892...	3,000 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	July	8, 1892...	1,000 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	14, 1892...	3,000 00
"	6	"	"	"	"	"	14, 1892...	9,000 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	21, 1892...	1,000 00

Amount	4½	per cent.	Improvement	Certificates,	due	July	29, 1892...	$3,000 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	August	5, 1892...	2,000 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	13, 1892...	500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	27, 1892...	2,000 00
"	6	"	"	"	"	"	27, 1892...	500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	September	2, 1892...	4,000 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	8, 1892...	500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	15, 1892...	500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	23, 1892...	2,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	28, 1892...	2,500 00
"	6	"	"	"	"	"	28, 1892...	500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	October	9, 1892...	1,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	13, 1892...	4,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	20, 1892...	1,500 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	November	10, 1892...	1,000 00
"	6	"	"	"	"	"	10, 1892...	1,000 00
"	4½	"	"	"	"	"	19, 1892...	1,500 00
								$124,500 00

REPORT

—OF—

THE SINKING FUND COMMISSION,

DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

To the Honorable Board of Finance:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned Sinking Fund Commission of Jersey City have the honor to submit the following Report of the Receipts and Disbursements of the several Sinking Funds for the Fiscal year ending November 30, 1891. The cash balance on hand December 1, 1890, was $110,685.10, the aggregate receipts of the funds for the year were $1,811,052.26, and the aggregate disbursements for the same period was $1,770, 724.09 leaving a cash balance on hand of $151, 013.27, a detailed statement of which receipts and disbursements is hereto attached.

JACOB RINGLE,	Commissioners
JAMES G. HASKING,	of the
ALVA A. BEDELL,	Sinking Fund.

SINKING FUND, 1873.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury December 1, 1890			$35,035 43
From Taxes 1874	$3 00		
From Interest on Redemptions	4 81		
From Account Printing Tax Sales	90	$8 71	
From Adjusted Taxes 1872 and previous Years	$12,952 58		
From Adjusted Taxes 1873 and 1874	18,014 20		
		30,966 78	
From Fines and Licenses	$9,632 71		
From Liquor Licenses (Account 1889)	59,912 23		
		69,344 94	
From Interest on Bonds and Securities		15,566 27	
From 4½ per cent. Sundry Account Bonds due December 1, 1890	$12,218 56		
From 4 per cent. Tax Redemption Bonds	5,494 89		
From Improvement Certificates due sundry dates	7,000 00		
From 4½ per cent. Temporary Loan Bonds (1889)	50,000 00		
From 4 per cent. School House Bonds, due March 8, 1891	4,800 00		
From 7 per cent. Improvement Bonds, due May 1, 1891	37,500 00		
From 7 per cent. Water Bonds, due May 1, 1891	164,000 00		
		281,013 45	
			397,100 15
			$432,135 58

SINKING FUND, 1873.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Purchased 6 per cent. Water Bonds, due January 1, 1891	$98,000 00		
Purchased 7 per cent. Improvement Bonds, due September 1, 1894	1,000 00		
Purchased 7 per cent. Improvement Bonds, due May 1, 1891	500 00		
Purchased 4½ per cent. Police Department Bonds, due January 1, 1907	5,100 00		
Purchased 5 per cent. Engine House Bonds, due September 1, 1893	6,000 00		
Purchased 4½ per cent. Improvement Certificates	7,500 00		
		$118,100 00	
Premium and Interest on Bonds purchased,		432 61	
Sidewalk Account, under Section 4, Chapter 134, Laws 1891		10,000 00	
Special General Account, to pay 7 per cent. Public Buildings Bonds, due May 1, 1891	$100,000 00		
Special General Account, to pay 7 per cent. Street and Sewer Bonds, due May 1, 1891	127,500 00		
Special General Account, to pay 7 per cent. Improvement Bonds, due November 1, 1891	61,000 00		
		288,500 00	$417,032 61
Balance in City Treasury November 30, 1891			15,102 97
			$432,135 58

TAX ARREARAGE FUND.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1890			$69,818 13
From Taxes 1887	$7,824 71		
Interest on Taxes 1887	2,608 27		
		$10,432 98	
From Taxes 1886	$2,960 29		
Interest on Taxes 1886	1,206 92		
		4,167 21	
From Taxes 1885	$553 47		
Interest on Taxes 1885	296 99		
		850 46	
From Taxes 1884	$123 18		
Interest on Taxes 1884,	76 45		
		199 63	
From Taxes 1883	$29 52		
Interest on Taxes 1883	21 08		
		50 60	
From Taxes 1882	$23 52		
Interest on Taxes 1882	16 55		
		40 07	
From Taxes 1881	$23 20		
Interest on Taxes 1881	18 52		
		41 72	
From Taxes 1880	$9 68		
Interest on Taxes 1880	8 55		
		18 23	
From Taxes 1879	$9 10		
From Taxes 1878	35 99		
From Taxes 1877	4 44		
From Taxes 1876	4 52		
From Taxes 1875	2 68		
		56 73	
From Adjusted Taxes 1875 to 1887		399,250 08	
From Interest on Adjusted Taxes, etc.		27,398 59	
From Interest on Taxes 1875 to 1879	$63 80		
From Printing Tax Sales, 1875 to 1882 inclusive	17 50		
		81 30	
From 4½ per cent. Temporary Loan Bonds, Due December 1, 1890	$14,041 44		
From Interest on same	254 49		
		14,295 93	
			456,883 53
			$526,701 66

TAX ARREARAGE FUND.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

City Treasury Special General:			
To Pay Interest due January 1, 1891, on 4½ per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887	$7,312 50		
To Pay Interest due April 1, 1891, on 3 per cent. and 3½ per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887)....................	22,189 26		
To Pay Interest due July,1, 1891, on 4½ per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887).........	6,412 50		
To Pay Interest due October 1, 1891 on 3 per cent. and 3½ per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887)........................	17,980 00		
		$53,894 26	
Paid Interest on Tax Arrearage Bonds, (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887)......		2,027 28	
Paid 3 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds due on Demand (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887)....................	$366,306 04		
Paid 4½ per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds due on Demand (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887)........................	73,000 00		
		439,306 04	
			$495,227 58
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1891............................			31,474 08
			$526,701 66

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1888.

RECEIPTS, MAY 16, 1891, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

From Taxes 1888	$9,943 03		
Interest on Taxes 1888	2,590 55		
		$12,533 58	
From Adjusted Taxes 1888		19,679 06	
From 4½ per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds due on Demand (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887)	$12,000 00		
From Interest on same	201 20		
		12,201 20	
			$44,413 84

DISBURSEMENTS, MAY 16, 1891, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

City Treasury Special General, to Pay Interest due July 1, 1891, on 5 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (Account Taxes 1888)	$2,059 55	
Purchased 4½ per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds due on Demand (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887)	12,000 00	
		$14,059 55
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1891		30,354 29
		$44,413 84

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1889.

RECEIPTS, MAY 16, 1891, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

From Taxes 1889	$26,245 85		
Interest Taxes 1889	4,175 09		
		$30,420 94	
From Adjusted Taxes 1889		19,155 28	
From 4½ per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds, due on Demand (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887)	$21,000 00		
From 4½ per cent. City Hall Bonds due on Demand	2,000 00		
		23,000 00	
From Interest on Bonds		453 94	
			$73,030 16

DISBURSEMENTS, MAY 16, 1891, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

City Treasury Special General to Pay Interest due July 1, 1891, on 5 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (Account Taxes 1889)		$1,691 74	
Purchased 4½ per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds due on Demand (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887)	$21,000 00		
Purchased 4½ per cent. Fourth Precinct Station House Bonds, due December 1, 1891	3,000 00		
Purchased 6 per cent. Water Bond due January 1, 1893	1,000 00		
Purchased 4 per cent. Engine House Bond, due January 1, 1897	4,000 00		
Purchased 4½ per cent. City Hall Bond, due on Demand	2,000 00		
		31,000 00	
Premium and Accrued Interest on Bonds Purchased		82 32	
			$32,774 06
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1891			40,256 10
			$73,030 16

SINKING FUND, 1888.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1890,	$350 00
Received Interest on Bonds...............	86 47
	$436 47

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury November 30, 1891,	$436 47

SINKING FUND, 1882, No. 1.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury December 1, 1890			$1,425 91
From 4 per cent. School House Bonds, due December 1, 1890	$13,000 00		
From 4½ per cent. Temporary Loan Bond, due December 1, 1890	14,500 00		
From sale of 4 per cent. Engine House Bonds, due January 1, 1897	4,000 00		
From 3 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds, due on Demand (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887)	10,500 00		
From 7 per cent. Improvement Bond, due May 1, 1891	500 00		
From 6 per cent. Water Bonds, due January 1, 1891	34,000 00		
From 3 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds, due on Demand (account Taxes, 1888)	4,500 00		
		$81,000 00	
From Interest on Bonds		2,454 31	
			83,454 31
			$84,880 22

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Purchased 6 per cent. Water Bonds, due January 1, 1891	34,000 00		
Purchased 4½ per cent. Police Department Bonds, due January 1, 1905	5,000 00		
Purchased 4½ per cent. Police Department Bonds, due January 1, 1906	5,000 00		
Purchased 4 per cent. Police Department Bonds, due $5,000 each year, 1896 to 1902	35,000 00		
Purchased 5 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds, due May 26, 1894 (account Taxes 1888)	4,500 00		
		$83,500 00	
Premium and Interest on Bonds purchased,		465 00	
			$83,965 00
Balance in City Treasury November 30, 1891,			915 22
			$84,880 22

SINKING FUND, 1882, No. 2.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury December 1, 1890,			$394 49
From 4 per cent. Tax Redemption Bonds, due option of City	$17,049 18		
From 3 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds, due on Demand (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887)	54,000 00		
From 7 per cent. Improvement Bonds, due May 1, 1891	1,000 00		
From Sale of 5 per cent. Engine House Bonds, due September 1, 1893	6,000 00		
From Sale 4½ per cent. Police Department Bonds, due October 1, 1903	5,000 00		
From 3 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bond, due on Demand (Account Taxes 1888)	13,500 00		
		$96,549 18	
From Interest on Bonds		4,410 57	
			100,959 75
			$101,354 24

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Purchased 4½ per cent. Station House Bonds, due October 1, 1903	$5,000 00		
Purchased 4½ per cent. Station House Bonds, due October 1, 1904	5,000 00		
Purchased 4½ per cent. City Hall Bonds, due on Demand	4,000 00		
Purchased 4 per cent. Tax Redemption Bonds, due option of City	64,031 42		
Purchased 5 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds, due May 26, 1894 (Account Taxes, 1888)	$13,500 00		
		$91,531 42	
Premium and Interest on Bonds purchased,		160 05	
			$91,691 47
Balance in City Treasury November 30, 1891			9,662 77
			$101,354 24

WATER SINKING FUND, 1916.

RECEIPTS, AUGUST 3, 1891, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

From Water Account, to pay $586,000.00 5 per cent. Water Bonds, due April 1, 1916	$14,000 00

DISBURSEMENTS, AUGUST 3, 1891, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury November 30, 1891,	$14,000 00

WATER SINKING FUND, 1921.

RECEIPTS, NOVEMBER 13, 1891, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

From Water Account, to pay $350,000.00 5 per cent. Water Bonds, due June 1, 1921	$7,000 00

DISBURSEMENTS, NOVEMBER 13, 1891, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1891	$7,000 00

WATER SINKING FUND.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury December 1, 1890,			$212 66
From 3 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds, (Account Taxes 1875 to 1887) due on Demand	$60,000 00		
From 3 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds, (Account Taxes 1888) due on Demand	12,000 00		
From 6 per cent. Water Bonds, due May 1, 1891	71,500 00		
From Sale of 4½ per cent. Police Station Bonds, due October 1, 1903	5,000 00		
From Sale of 4½ per cent. Police Station Bonds, due October 1, 1904	5,000 00		
From Sale of 4½ per cent. City Hall Bonds, due on Demand	4,000 00		
		$157,500 00	
From Interest on Bonds		995 02	
			158,495 02
			$158,707 68

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Purchased $74,000,000.00 ($3,000.00 not delivered) 6 per cent. Water Bonds, due May 1, 1891	$71,000 00		
Purchased 3 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds, (account Taxes 1875 to 1887) due on Demand	71,000 00		
Purchased 5 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds, (account Taxes 1888) due May 26, 1894	12,000 00		
Purchased 4 per cent. New Pump Bonds, due May 1, 1895	500 00		
Purchased 4½ per cent. License Expense Bonds, due December 1, 1891	2,000 00		
Purchased 7 per cent. Improvement Bond, due January 1, 1892	1,000 00		
		$157,500 00	
Premium and Interest on Bonds purchased		48 02	
			$157,548 02
Balance in City Treasury November 30, 1891			1,159 66
			$158,707 68

SINKING FUND, 1889, No. 1.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury December 1, 1890			$938 02
From 7 per cent. Improvement Bonds, due May 1, 1891	$1,500 00		
From 3 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (account Taxes 1875 to 1887) due on Demand	84,000 00		
		$85,500 00	
From Interest on Bonds		4,972 50	
			90,472 50
			$91,410 52

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Purchased 4½ per cent. Police Station House Bonds, due October 1, 1903	$5,000 00		
Purchased 4 per cent. Tax Redemption Bonds, due Option of City	86,185 63		
		$91,185 63	
Premium and Interest on Bonds purchased,		37 50	
			$91,223
Balance in City Treasury November 30, 1891			187 39
			$91,410 52

SINKING FUND, 1889 No. 2.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1890			$350 11
From 4½ per cent. Temporary Loan Bond, due December 1, 1890	$10,000 00		
From 3 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds, (account Taxes 1875 to 1887) due on Demand	125,806 04		
From 4½ per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds, (account Taxes 1875 to 1887) due on Demand	33,000 00		
From 7 per cent. Improvement Bonds, due May 1, 1897	9,500 00		
		$178,306 04	
From sale of 4½ per cent. City Hall Bonds, due on Demand	$2,000 00		
From sale of 4 per cent. Engine House Bonds, due January 1, 1897	4,000 00		
		6,000 00	
From sale of 4 per cent. Police Headquarters Bonds:			
Due January 1, 1896	$5,000 00		
Due January 1, 1897	5,000 00		
Due January 1, 1898	5,000 00		
Due January 1, 1899	5,000 00		
Due January 1, 1900	5,000 00		
Due January 1 1901	5,000 00		
Due January 1, 1902	5,000 00		
		$35,000 00	
From Interest on Bonds		25,010 84	
			244,316 88
			$224,666 99

SINKING FUND, 1889, No. 2.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Purchased 4 per cent. Engine House Bonds, due January 1, 1897	$4,000 00		
Purchased 4½ per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (account Taxes 1875 to 1887) due on Demand	135,000 00		
Purchased 4½ per cent. Salary—City Clerk, due December 1, 1891	1,250 00		
		$140,250 00	
Premium and Interest on Bonds purchased,		1,452 67	
Special General Account, to pay 7 per cent. Street and Sewer Bonds, due May 1, 1891	$63,500 00		
Special General Account, to pay 7 per cent. Improvement Bonds, due November 1, 1891	39,000 00		
		102,500 00	
			$244,202 67
Balance in City Treasury November 30, 1891			464 32
			$244,666 99

SINKING FUND, 1889, No. 3.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1890,			$2,160 35
From 3 per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds (account Taxes 1875 to 1887) due on Demand..........................	$103,000 00		
From 7 per cent. Improvement Bond, due May 1, 1891.....................	1,000 00		
From 6 per cent. Water Bonds, due January 1, 1891..........................	34,000 00		
		$138,000 00	
From sale of 4½ per cent. License Expense Bond, due December 1, 1891.......	$1,000 00		
From sale of 4 per cent. New Pump Bond, due January 1, 1895...............	500 00		
		1,500 00	
From Interest on Bonds..................		1,339 65	
			140,839 65
			$143,000 00

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Purchased 6 per cent. Water Bonds, due January 1, 1891...................	$34,000 00	
Special General Account, to pay 7 per cent. Street and Sewer Bonds, due May 1, 1891............................	109,000 00	
		$143,000 00

Securities Held by the Sinking Fund Commission of Jersey City.

FUND 1873.

For the Redemption of any Bonds of Jersey City. Fund has its growth from one-quarter (¼) of the Receipts for Liquor Licenses; all the Receipts for Vendors' Cartmen's, Auctioneers' and Junk Licenses; all the Receipts for Fines and Receipts for Taxes for the years prior to 1875.

SECURITIES	RATE OF INTEREST	WHEN DUE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Jersey City Fireworks Bond	7 per cent.	Demand.	$3,565 00	
Improvement Certificates	4½ "	December 2, 1891.	500 00	
Water Bonds	7 "	December 1, 1891.	10,000 00	
Engine House Bond	5 "	September 1, 1893.	6,000 00	
Improvement Bond	7 "	May 1, 1894.	500 00	
Improvement Bond	7 "	September 1, 1894.	1,000 00	
Water Bonds	6 "	January 1, 1895.	17,000 00	
Engine House Bond	4 "	January 1, 1895.	2,000 00	
Engine House Bond	4 "	August 27, 1895.	7,000 00	
Water Bonds	7 "	January 1, 1902.	67,000 00	
Water Bonds	7 "	September 1, 1902.	35,000 00	
Station House Bond	4½ "	January 1, 1907.	5,100 00	
Redemption of Lands	4 "	Option of City.	28,598 46	
				$183,263 46
Cash				15,102 97
				$198,366 43

FUND 1882, No. 1.

To pay $150,000.00 5 per cent. Bonds, due April 1, 1911. Fund has its growth by inserting in the Tax Levy such amount as the Board of Finance may deem proper.

SECURITIES	RATE OF INTEREST	WHEN DUE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Tax Arrearage Bonds	3 per cent.	Demand.	$15,000 00	
Engine House Bond	4 "	January 1, 1895.	3,000 00	
Station House Bonds	4½ "	January 1, 1905.	5,000 00	
" " "	4½ "	January 1, 1906.	5,000 00	
" " "	4 "	January 1, 1896.	5,000 00	
" " "	4 "	January 1, 1897.	5,000 00	
" " "	4 "	January 1, 1898.	5,000 00	
" " "	4 "	January 1, 1899.	5,000 00	
" " "	4 "	January 1, 1900.	5,000 00	
" " "	4 "	January 1, 1901.	5,000 00	
" " "	4 "	January 1, 1902.	5,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bonds (Account 1888)	5 "	May 26, 1894.	4,500 00	
				$67,500 00
Cash				915 22
				$68,415 22

FUND 1882, No. 2.

To pay $450,000.00 6 per cent. Bonds, due June 1, 1910. Fund has its growth by inserting in the Tax Levy of each year a sum not less than 3 per cent. of the issue.

SECURITIES	RATE OF INTEREST	WHEN DUE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
School House Bond	4 per cent.	December 1, 1891.	$8,200 00	
Repairs to School Buildings Bond	4½ "	December 1, 1891.	15,000 00	
Station House Bond	4½ "	October 1, 1904.	5,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bond (Account 1888)	5 "	May 26, 1894.	13,500 00	
Redemption of Lands	4 "	Option of City.	78,958 10	
				$120,658 10
Cash				9,662 77
				$130,320 87

SINKING FUND, 1889, No. 1.

To pay $1,000,000 6 per cent. Bonds, due April 1, 1904. Fund has its growth by inserting in the Tax Levy of each year a sufficient amount to pay and discharge the Principal when due.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST	WHEN DUE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
New Pump Bonds	4 per cent.	January 1, 1895.	$30,000 00	
Engine House Bonds	4 "	January 1, 1897.	3,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bonds	3 "	Demand.	36,000 00	
Redemption of Lands Bonds	4 "	Option of City	86,185 63	
Station House Bond	4½ "	October 1, 1903.	5,000 00	
				$160,185 63
Cash				187 39
				$160,373 02

SINKING FUND, 1889, No. 2.

For the Redemption of Jersey City Bonds. Fund has its growth from Moneys received in excess of the limits of expenditures as fixed by the Board of Finance.

SECURITIES	RATE OF INTEREST	WHEN DUE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Tax Arrearage Bonds	3 per cent.	Demand.	$385,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bonds	4½ "	Demand.	252,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond	4½ "	December 1, 1891.	1,250 00	
				$638,250 00
Cash				464 32
				$638,714 32

SINKING FUND, 1888.

For the Redemption of $7,000 4 per cent. Engine House Bonds, due January 1, 1895. Fund has its growth by the insertion in each Tax Levy the sum of $1,000.

SECURITIES	RATE OF INTEREST	WHEN DUE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Engine House Bond	4 per cent.	January 1, 1895.	$1,000 00	
Cash			436 47	
				$1,436 47

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1889.

To pay $275,000 5 per cent. Bonds, due May 15, 1895, and interest.

SECURITIES	RATE OF INTEREST	WHEN DUE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Temporary Loan Bond	4½ per cent.	December 1, 1891.	$3,000 00	
Water Loan Bond	6 "	January 1, 1893.	1,000 00	
Engine House Bond	4 "	January 1, 1897,	4,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bonds	4½ "	Demand.	21,000 00	
City Hall Bonds	4½ "	Demand.	2,000 00	
				$40,256 10
Cash				8,000 00
				$48,256 10

WATER SINKING FUND.

To pay $525,000 5 per cent. Water Bonds, due February 1, 1913. Fund has its growth by inserting in the Tax Levy of each year Twelve thousand dollars ($12,000).

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST	WHEN DUE	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
License Expense Bond	4½ per cent.	December 1, 1891.	$1,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond	4½ "	December 1, 1891.	1,000 00	
Improvement Bond	7 "	January 1, 1892.	1,000 00	
New Pump Bond	4 "	January 1, 1895.	500 00	
Tax Arrearage Bond	3 "	Demand.	71,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bond, (Account 1888)	5 "	May 26, 1894.	12,000 00	
				$86,500 00
Cash				1,159 66
				$87,659 66

SUMMARY.

Total Amount of Fund, 1873	$198,366 43	
" " Tax Arrearage Fund	31,474 08	
" " " " " 1888	30,354 29	
" " " " " 1889	48,256 10	
" " Fund, 1882, No. 1	68,415 22	
" " Water Fund, 1916	14,000 00	
" " " " 1921	7,000 00	
" " Fund 1882, No. 2	130,320 87	
" " Water Fund	87,659 66	
" " Fund 1889, No. 1	160,373 02	
" " Fund 1889, No. 2	638,714 32	
. " Fund 1888	1,436 87	
		$1,416,370 86

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported the official bonds of John P. Feeney in $15,000 as Police Commissioner with Dennis McLaughlin and Hugh Dugan as sureties, and recommended that they be approved, ordered spread upon the bond book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the recommendations therein contained adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the following resolutions and recommended the adoption of the same:

1. Ordering paid the regular monthly pay roll for April, 1892, when due.
2. Ordering paid $229.16 each to the Jersey City News, the Evening Journal, the Jersey City Herald and the New Jersey Staats Zeitung for printing official minutes during April, 1892, when due.
3. Ordering paid $30 to C. S. Westervelt for extra services in itemizing reports of the Commissioners of adjustment during April 1892, when due.
4. Ordering paid $25 to F. P. Van Saun for extra services as stenographer, etc., during April, 1892, when due.
5. Ordering paid $70 to N. P. Wedin for services as Assistant Clerk to District Court during April, 1892, when due; charge District Court's receipt account.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolution reported the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and recommended that the same be concurred in.

1. Ordering paid the following payrolls:

Assessments and Extensions—Water Registrar, etc., March, 1892	$2,993.31
Assessments and Extensions—General Superintendent, etc., March, 1892	989.99

2. Authorizing the improvement of Erie street from Thirteenth to Sixteenth streets.
3. Authorizing the improvement of Sherman avenue from Hutton to Griffith streets.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was received and the resolutions concurred in by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims and recommended the payment of the same:

$75 to James Atchison, regulator for Treasurer's office.

$65.19 to The American District Telegraph Company, messenger service, Mayor's office, February, 1892.

$26.61 to The American District Telegraph Company, messenger service, Mayor's office.

$89.24 to The American District Telegraph Company, messenger service, Mayor's office to April 1, 1892.

$66.61 to The American District Telegraph Company, messenger service, Board of Finance, to April 1, 1892.

$25 to W. T. Furman, copies of Legislative bills.

$16-65 to J. W. Harrison, stationery for City Treasurer.

$75.20 to J. W. Harrison, stationery for City Comptroller.

$188 65 to J. W. Harrison, stationery for City Collector.

$111.95 to J. W. Harrison, stationery for Board of Finance.

$1.35 to J. W. Harrison, rubber stamps.

$13 to P. H. Hanley, repairing furniture.

$5, to P. H. Hanley, repairing furniture.

$55 to P. H. Hanley, desk for City Treasurer.

$29.28 to The Jersey City Electric Light Company, lighting Mayor's office, March, 1892.

$23,80 to The Jersey City Electric Light Company, lighting Mayor's office, February, 1892.

$24.60 to The Jersey City Electric Light Company, lighting Collector's office, February, 1892.

$26 10 to The Jersey City Electric Light Company, lighting Collector's office, March, 1892.

.90 to The Jersey City Electric Light Company, lighting Treasurer office, February, 1892.

$4.92 to The Jersey City Electric Light Company, lighting Treasurer's office, March, 1892.

$8 to the Jersey City News, printing manuals.

$14 to The Jersey City News, printing manuals.

$7.50 to The Jersey City News, printing forms.

$275 to The Jordan Stationery Company, indexes for City Collector.

$30 to Frank McDermott, ice, City Hall, March, 1892.

$24.85 to C. H. Scott, carpenter work, Collector's office.

$43 to C. H. Scott, carpenter work, City Hall.

$68.95 to Wyckhoff, Seamens & Benedict, typewriting supplies.

$25 to C W. Wenner & Company, stationery for Corporation Counsel.

$3 to the Western Union Telegraph Company, time service.

$407 to Gilbert Collins, legal services.

$2.75 to the J. C. News, printing tax sales, notices.

$150 to the J. C. News, printing tax sales, pamphlet.

$183.10 to Jersey City Printing Company, printing law cases.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson,

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of

Kent K. Stearns, attorney for Otto Kuhn, for $40.22, to return amount of surplus realized upon the tax sale on October 10, 1890, of Lot 38, Block 916, Columbia avenue, over and above the sum as adjusted due the city, with interest, cost and disbursements.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Herbert Booth King & Brothers for $56 for advertising Sinking Fund notices in New York newspapers.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for forty cents to transfer that amount from General Account to Tax Arrearage of 1890 Account to correct error in deposits of January 30, 1892.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $3,500 from account of Census to the credit of account for repairs, gas, etc., Board of Education, 1891-92.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector for $50,000 on account of County taxes of 1891.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, to be deposited to the credit of May, 1892, interest, as follows:

On General Account, $18 935.

On General Account to pay interest on assessment bonds, $14,000.

On Water Account, $19.635.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, that warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of that officer, to transfer from adjusted lien account collections made March 2 to March 31, 1892, as follows:

To Water Account, $4,590 06, adjusted water rents.

To Assessment Account, $19,021.42, adjusted assessments.

To General Account, $3,875.71, adjusted taxes 1891.

To General Account, $44, tax sale advertising fees.

To Tax Arrearage Fund 1890, $4,270.60, adjusted taxes 1890.

To Tax Arrearage Fund 1889, $4,920.58, adjusted taxes 1889.

To Tax Arrearage Fund 1888, $4,849.32, adjusted taxes 1888.

To Arrearage Fund, $30,266 41, adjusted taxes 1875 to 1887.

To Tax Arrearage Fund, $1,504.70, interest on adjusted taxes, etc.

To Fund 1873, $818.55, adjusted taxes 1872 and previous years.

To Fund 1873, $752.20, adjusted taxes 1873 and 1874

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That in accordance with the act approved March 24, 1873, a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer to transfer $1,250 from assessment account to the credit of Engineering Bureau, Board of Street and Water Commissioners, 1891-1892, the same being amount due for services rendered by said Bureau and included in the expenses of the following improvements:

Improvement of Kensington avenue, from Bergen avenue to a point 770 feet west thereof......	$250 00
Sewer in Pavonia avenue to lands of Pennsylvania R. R. Co........	1,000 00
Total........................	$1,250 00

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That upon the report of the Corporation Counsel and Water Registrar, a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, payable out of Water Account, to the order of George R. Lawrence for $23 for water rents paid in error on block 429, Johnston avenue, for 1890; the water used on said premises having been metered and charged to the Central Railroad Co., by whom the same was paid for.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of "The Pleasant Home Company" for $22 72, to return overpayments as taxes for 1891 as follows:

Block 599, lot No. 5, 4T	5 68
Block 599, lot No. 4, 3U..............	5 68
Block 599, lot No. 3, 2V..............	5 68
Block 599, lot No. 2, 1W	5 68
Total............................	$22 72

By Mr. Allen:

Whereas, On the third day of November A. D., 1873, Samuel C. Nelson and wife mortgaged the following described property to wit: Lots thirteen to twenty-four (13 to 24), twenty-nine to thirty two (29 to 32), forty-five to fifty (45 to 50), fifty-three, fifty-four, fifty-nine, sixty, sixty-two, sixty-three and sixty-four (53, 54, 59, 60, 62, 63 and 64), in block 890 on Irving and Poplar streets, Jersey City, to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to secure the payment of ten thousand dollars and interest; and

Whereas, On August 27, 1881, the said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the State of New Jersey acquired title to said lands under a foreclosure of said mortgage to which suit the city had been made a party, since which time said lands have remained the property of the State of New Jersey and under the decisions of the Court of Errors and Appeals as reported to this Board by the Corporation Counsel not subject to local taxation or assessment; and

Whereas, Said premises have been by error assessed by the local assessors from year to year since 1879.

And whereas, Said taxes and other liens have been adjusted by the Commissioners under the so called "Martin Act" in their report No. 46 filed with the City Collector on February 5th, 1890 and have since been sold by the City Collector to various parties:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he hereby is directed to cancel the record of the sale of lots forty-five to fifty (45 to 50) in block 890 (adjusted at two hundred and ninety-one dollars and sixty cents ($291.60) to G. Humbrock for three hundred and nine dollars and forty-three cents ($309.43) on October 10, 1890, and that a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of G. Humbrock for said sum of three hundred and nine dollars and forty-three cents together with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from October 10th, 1890, which warrant shall be delivered to said G. Humbrock upon the surrender of his certificate of sale.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he hereby is directed to cancel the record of the sale of lots fifty-three and fifty-four (53 and 54), Block 890 (adjusted at $97.20) to Henry A. Gaede for two hundred dollars ($200) on October 10, 1890, and that a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said Henry A. Gaede for said sum of two hundred dollars together with interest on said sum at the rate of six per cent. per annum from October 10, 1890, which warrant shall be delivered to said Henry A. Gaede upon the surrender of his certificate of sale.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he hereby is directed to cancel the record of the sale of lots fifty-nine and sixty (59 and 60), block 890 (adjusted at $97 20), to John Edelstein and Daniel E. Cleary for one hundred and five dollars and eighty cents on October 10, 1890, and that a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said John Edelstein and Daniel E. Cleary for said sum of one hundred and five dollars and eighty cents, together with interest on said sum at the rate of six per cent. per annum from October 10, 1890, which warrant shall be delivered to said John Edelstein and Daniel E. Cleary upon the surrender of their certificate of sale;

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he hereby is directed to cancel the record of the sale of lots sixty-two, sixty-three and sixty-four (62, 63 and 64) block 890 (adjusted at $145.80) to John Edelstein and Daniel E. Cleary for one hundred and fifty-six dollars and seventy-two cents ($156.72) on October 10, 1890, and that a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said John Edelstein and Daniel E Cleary for said sum of $156 72, together with interest on said sum at the rate of six per cent. per annum from October 10. 1890, which warrant shall be delivered to said John Edelstein and Daniel E. Cleary upon the surrender of their certificate of sale.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he hereby is directed to cancel the record of the sale of lots thirteen to twenty-four (13 to 24) inclusive in block 890 (adjusted at $680.40) to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City for seven hundred and eighteen dollars and twenty-three cents ($718.23) on October 27, 1890, and that the certificate issued therefor be cancelled.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he hereby is directed to cancel the record of the sale of lots twenty-nine to thirty-two (29 to 32) inclusive, in Block 890 (adjusted at $226.80) to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City for two hundred and forty-two dollars and nine cents (242.09) on October 10, 1890, and that the certificate issued therefor be cancelled; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to cancel the taxes for the year 1890 on said lots thirteen to twenty-four (13 to 24), twenty-nine to thirty-two (29 to 32), forty-five to fifty (45 to 50), fifty-three, fifty-four, fifty-nine, sixty, sixty-two, sixty-three and sixty-four, (53, 54, 59, 60, 62, 63, and 64) in Block 890, amounting to one hundred and fifty-three dollars and thirteen cents ($153.13); and be it further

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to cancel the taxes for the year, 1891, on said lots thirteen to twenty-four (13 to 24) twenty-nine to thirty-two (29 to 32) forty-five to fifty (45 to 50) fifty-three, fifty-four, fifty-nine, sixty, sixty-two sixty-three and sixty-four (53, 54, 59, 60 62, 63 and 64) in block 890 amounting to one hundred and sixty-four dollars and seventy-two cents ($164.72)

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to cancel the record of the assessment for the improvement of Irving street from Central avenue to Nelson avenue confirmed October 13, 1891, on lots thirteen to twenty-four (13 to 24) and twenty-nine to thirty-two (29 to 32) inclusive in block 890 Irving street, amounting to five hundred and fourteen dollars (514); and be it further

Resolved, That a memorial be prepared by the Corporation Counsel directed to the State Treasurer of New Jersey, reciting the above facts and requesting the payment to the city of the amount expended ($514) for the improvement of Irving street from Central avenue to Nelson avenue, confirmed October 13, 1891, on said lots thirteen to twenty-four (13 to 24) and twenty-nine to thirty-two (29 to 32), inclusive, in Block 890, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign on behalf of the city and under its seal.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions duly certified be forwarded not only to the proper officers of the city, but also to the State Treasurer and to the individual purchasers under said tax sales.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of W. T. Ard for $23.76, amount of taxes paid in error on August 8, 1891, for the year 1890 on Lot pt. 4, Block 600, Cherry lane, said property belonging to George W. Washburn, and no transfer of mortgage or encumbrance having been placed thereon of record since the date of said payment.

This return being made under Chapter 205 of the laws of 1891.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer to the order of Traphagen & Beekman, attorneys of Lawrence Murtha, for $716.39 in full for the judgment recovered by said Murtha in the Hudson Circuit Court on the 16th day of February, 1891, against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City for the value of lot A, block 1.318, taken for the opening of Jackson avenue from Myrtle avenue to Fulton avenue, together with the amount of the award for the value of the crops made by the Commissioners of Assessment for $80, which was not appealed from, after deducting from the amount of said judgment and award the sum of $685, being the assessment upon lot A. block 1,319, and $610, being the assessment on lot A, block 1319, or $1,295 in all; which warrant shall be delivered through the Corporation Counsel to said attorneys upon the execution of a proper release for said awards and of said judgments and all other liens against the lands of said Lawrence Murtha, which were taken for the opening of Jackson avenue at the time of the award therefor; and

Resolved, That upon the filing of said satisfaction the City Collector be directed to cancel the record of the assessment on lot A (98), block 1,319, and lot A (299), block 1,319, for $685 and $610 respectively; and

Resolved, That warrant No. 74 of the Board of Public Works to the order of

"Unknown," dated September 28, 1886, for $119 being the award heretofore made for said lands, less the assessment thereon, be and the same is hereby directed to be cancelled by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer to the order of Traphagan & Beekman, Attorneys for John Harrison for $717.19 in full for the judgment recovered by said Harrison in the Hudson Circuit Court, February 16, 1891, against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City for the value of Lot B, Block 1,319, taken for the opening of Jackson avenue from Myrtle avenue to Fulton avenue, together with the amount of the award for the value of the crops made by the Commissioners of Assessment for $80, which was not appealed from after deducting from the amount of said judgment, and award the sum of $675, being the assessment upon Lot B, Block 1,317, and $600 being the assessment upon Lot B, Block 1,318, or $1,275 in all, which warrant shall be delivered through the Corporation Counsel to said attorneys, upon the execution of a proper release for said award, and for said judgment and all other liens against the lands of said John Harrison, which were taken for the opening of Jackson avenue at the time of the award therefor, and

Resolved, That upon the filing of said satisfaction, the City Collector be directed to cancel the record of the assessment on lot B (99), block 1,317, and lot B (298), block 1,318, for $675 and $610 respectively; and

Resolved, That warrant No. 492, book No. 74 of the Board of Public Works to the order of unknown, dated September 28, 1886, for $112, being the award heretofore made for said lands, less the assessment thereon, be and the same is hereby directed to be cancelled by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, for $50 in favor of F. P. Van Saun for typewriting for the Sinking Fund Commission.

By Mr. Kenny:

Resolved, That the Board of Street and and Water Commissioners be requested to transfer to the Board of Education without delay Public School Building No. 23, as otherwise the city will be liable for $750 rentals for Schools Nos. 9 and 15 after May 1, next.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

On motion of Mr. Allen the Board then adjourned to meet Thursday, April 21, 1892, at 9 o'clock a. m.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Adjourned special meeting of the Board of Finance held at the City Hall, Thursday, April 21, 1892, at nine o'clock a. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the United Gas Improvement Company of $27.15, for gas, City Hall, March, 1892.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Concurrent resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 19, 1892, ordering assignment of cerificate of sale of Lots 11 and 12, Block 121, Idaho avenue, bought by the city for unpaid adjusted taxes, etc., to Mrs. W. J. Thompson.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the City Collector acknowledging the filing in his office of the following assessment maps:

Improvement of Cambridge avenue, Griffith to Hutton streets, $2,991.85.

Improvement of North street, Central to Durham avenues, $2,490.83.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Commissioners of the Joint Outlet Sewer for Jersey City and West Hoboken requesting the payment of the following claims incurred upon said sewer:

$756, Patrick O'Neill for rock excavation.

$8.64, the Jersey City News, advertising.

$8.59, the Jersey City Herald, advertising.

$6.24, the Hoboken Evening News, advertising.

$6.24, the Evening Journal, advertising.

$9.07, B. G. Reynolds, advertising.

$123.12, Patrick McNulty, services as Inspector.

Official bonds of William F. Kern, as Fire Commissioner, in $15,000, with Philip E. Martin and Owen McGuire as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported the official bonds of William F. Kern, as Fire Commissioner, in $15,000 with Philip E. Martin and Owen McGuire as sureties, and recommended that the same be approved, ordered spread in full upon the bond book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was received, ordered spread upon the bond book and filed, by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims and recommended the payment of the same.

$27.15—The United Gas Improvement Company, gas, City Hall, March 1892.

$75—The Jordan Stationery Company for warrant books.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes — President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be requested to certify to all claims rendered against the city on account of the joint outlet sewer being constructed by Jersey City and West Hoboken.

By Mr. Allen:

Whereas, The Board of Education has requested an additional appropriation of $15,000 for teachers' salaries for Schools Nos. 23 and 24.

Resolved, That said Board of Education be requested to forward to this Board a statement of the number of teachers required for Schools Nos. 23 and 24 for the balance of the fiscal year, with the grade thereof and salary to be paid each teacher to the end that a proper appropriation may be made therefor.

By Mr. Allen:

Resoved, that warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in payment of the following claims incurred in the construction of the joint outlet sewer between Jersey City and West Hoboken and being the 54 per cent. of the total of said claims chargeable to Jersey City:

$756, Patrick O'Neill, rock excavation.

$8.64, The Jersey City News, advertising.

$8.59, The Jersey City Herald, advertising.

$6.24, The Hoboken Evening News, advertising.

$6.24, The Evening Journal, advertising.

$9.07, B. G. Reynolds, advertising.

$123.12, Patrick McNulty, services as Inspector.

By Mr. Allen:

Whereas, It appears from various communications received by this Board from the Board of Police Commissioners that there is no feasible method of properly draining the City Hospital at a reasonable expense without acquiring the lands of one Rudderow, in the rear of said Hospital and running through to Montgomery street; and

Whereas, It appears upon examination and by the representations of the Warden of the City Hospital that the new wing to said Hospital cannot safely be opened for the reception of patients without the construction of said sewer;

Resolved, That the sum of $5,000 be appropriated to the Board of Police Commissioners at its request for the purchase of said lands and the construction of said sewer, which amount the Committee on Finance is hereby authorized to borrow on temporary loan bonds at not exceeding 5 per cent. interest per annum, in anticipation of the collection thereof in the tax levy next hereafter to be made.

By Mr. Allen:

Whereas, the sum of $100,000 heretofore appropriated by this Board at the request of the Board of Police Commissioners, under the authority of an act entitled "An act to authorize the acquisition of real estate and the erection of buildings thereon for the use of police departments

in cities of this State," approved April 8, 1889, and the supplements thereto has proved insufficient to acquire the additional accomodations for the precinct station houses of the police department as contemplated in said acts and the further sum of $20,000 is needed for that purpose as appears by the request of the Board of Police Commissioners forwarded to this board.

Resolved, That the further sum of $20,000 be appropriated under the provisions of Chapter 46 of the Laws of 1892 for said purpose and that the committee on finance be authorized to issue and sell bonds of the city in accordance with the provisions of said acts for the purposes aforesaid to that amount; provided that no portion of said appropriation shall be used for any purpose other than the construction of a police station-house in the Greenville section of Jersey City.

By Mr. Kenny:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of C. S. Westervelt for $75 for services as clerk to the Sinking Fund Commission for the months of February, March and April 1892, when due.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Kenny.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Peterson.

On motion of Mr. Allen the Board then adjourned to meet Saturday, April 23, 1892, at eleven o'clock a. m.

W. G. GERMAN,
Clerk.

Adjourned special meeting of the Board of Finance, held at the City Hall, Saturday, April 23, 1892, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Peterson.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Kenny.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Martha A. Bruce for correction of erroneous assessment.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of J. W. Harrison of $19.40 for stationery, Board of Finance.

Claim of J. W. Harrison of $20 for stationery for City Comptroller.

Claim of J. W. Harrison of $74.50 for stationery for City Collector.

Claim of J. W. Harrison of $2.40 for stationery for City Treasurer.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bonds of Frederick P. Budden, Jr., as Constable, in $1,000, with Horace H. Farrier and Philip E. Martin as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent resolutions:

1. Ordering paid the following pay rolls.

Pumping and reservoirs, Belleville and High Service, March, 1892. $5,177.07.

Assessments and Extensions, Water Registrar, etc., April, 1892. $3,068 31.

2. Authorizing the improvement of Ogden avenue from Congress street to its northerly terminus.

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent resolutions reported the following resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and recommended thas the same be concurred in:

1. Ordering paid the following pay rolls:

Assessments and Extensions—Water Registrar, etc., April, 1892, when due, $3,068 31.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the resolution concurred in by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Peterson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Kenny and Hillier.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow $1,433.58 on temporary loan bonds at not exceeding 5 per cent. per annum to pay judgments of Traphagen & Beekman, attorneys for Lawrence Murtha ($716.39) and John Harrison ($717.19), authorized to be paid by resolution of this Board, April 22, 1892; the payment of the same to be provided for in the next tax levy.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote;

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Peterson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Kenny.

Mr. Allen at this point addressed the Board as follows, his remarks being ordered spread upon the minutes:

"Mr. President, I am sorry to have to announce that Judge John Kenny, the retiring member of this Board is confined to his home by a severe cold that has settled in his eyes. This will prevent me from addressing him personally as I had hoped to do today. I wish to say, however, that I know every member sincerely regrets his retirement from this Board. We have been associated together in the care and interest of the finances of this city for three years, and I can say, and do say, that he has always been watchful and careful in the performance of the duties and responsibilities entrusted to this Board. Therefore, I offer the following resolution:—

Resolved, That we express our regret in the sundering of the relations which for the past three years have bound us so closely and pleasantly in the discharge of our obligations to the taxpayers and citizens of Jersey City and that we testify our admiration for the services rendered by the Honorable John Kenny, for his faithful and diligent performance of duty whereby the best interests of the city have been conserved,

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:—

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Allen and Peterson.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hillier and Kenny.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Allen the Board then adjourned.

W. G. German,
Clerk.

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